

**What can I do with a major in
“Consumer Foods”?**
The University of Georgia Career Center
Department of Foods and Nutrition

http://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/undergraduate/consumer_foods.html



This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Consumer Foods

Recent surveys project that foods-related careers will be among the top job prospects in the 21st century. The relationship among foods, nutrition and health serves as the cornerstone of the Consumer Foods program of study. Consumer Foods majors apply knowledge about foods and food ingredients to food selection, preparation, home processing, storage and serving of safe food to the consumer. Appearance, flavor, and textural influences on consumer willingness to eat food products is explored. Cultural, religious, lifestyle, geographic and economic influences on consumer food choices are also examined. Coursework covers: Food Preparation and Ingredients, The Food Industry, Food and Consumer Choices, Food Theory, Food Sanitation and Safety, Quantity Food Production, Foodservice Management, Foodservice Purchasing, Food Equipment and Kitchen Planning, Cultural Aspects of Foods and Nutrition, Food Communication, and Nutrition.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (userid: ugacpp & password: gcis889)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

**Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.*

Possible Job Titles of Consumer Foods Graduates

Assistant Food Service Director

Community Health Educator

Cooperative Extension Services Agent

Director of Food and Nutrition Services

Food Demonstrator

Instructor

Nutrition Consultant

Product Innovator

Sales Representative

Caterer

Consumer Affairs Representative

Chef

Family Services Counselor

Food Service Director

Marketing Associate

Operations Supervisor

Quality Control Supervisor

Possible Employers of Consumer Foods Graduates

Food Industry

Keebler Company

Food Service Industry

Morrisons

Paradise Foods

Cooperative Extension

Food Publications

Pharmaceutical Companies

School Nutrition Programs

University Food Services

Coca-Cola

Sysco

Aramark

Business/Marketing

Food Communications

Correctional Facilities

Hotels and Restaurants

Public Health Departments

Test Kitchens

Career Center Library Resources

Careers in Focus: Travel and Hospitality

Career Opportunities in Health Care

Health Care Job Explosion

Peterson's Job Opportunities for Health and Science Majors

Campus Resources

Student Dietetic Association - http://www.fcs.uga.edu/newfacs/ss/fdn_sda.html

UGA Family and Consumer Science Cooperative Extension - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/extension/>

College of Family & Consumer Sciences Student Services - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ss/index.html>

Employment Websites

American Diabetes Association - <http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>

American Dietetic Association - <http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/index.html>

HealthCareers.net - <http://www.healthcareers.net/careers/>

Public Health Employment Connection - <http://cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/phec.cfm>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration - <http://www.fda.gov/jobs/default.htm>

USAJOBS - <http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Idealist - <http://www.idealists.org/>

Additional Resources

Food Safety.gov - <http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Food - <http://www.fda.gov/Food/default.htm>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Consumers - <http://www.fda.gov/food/resourcesforyou/consumers/default.htm>

The Food and Nutrition Information Center - <http://fnic.nal.usda.gov>

Institute of Food Technologists - <http://www.ift.org>

Food Safety at CDC - <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/>

Foodservice.com - <http://www.foodservice.com/>

LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com>