

# What you can do with your **BIOLOGY MAJOR**



## Biology Major Skills:



### Research & Research Design

You know how to define a problem, design a study to find answers, identify strengths and weaknesses of methods, report findings, and make recommendations.



### Data Analysis

You can code and analyze quantitative and qualitative data, utilizing appropriate tools, predicting outcomes, interpreting results, and presenting data.



### Critical Thinking

You can define and analyze problems, identify factors that contribute to outcomes, and analyze connections.



### Teamwork

You work collaboratively with others to achieve common goals, negotiate, and manage conflict.



### Digital Literacy

You learn to utilize a variety of data analysis and simulation tools, plus databases and graphics software.



### Written & Oral Communication

You articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral communication, explaining complex ideas for technical and non-technical audiences.

## Supplement Your Skills With:



### Leadership Experience

Get involved with student orgs, community groups & other places you can learn to lead.



### Work Experience

Seek out lab or field research, internships in business or administrative settings, or part-time work.



### Global & Intercultural Experience

Seek out experiences where you work with and learn from people of different cultures and racial and ethnic backgrounds, both in the U.S. and abroad.



### Job Shadows to Explore Professions

Accompany alumni or other folks in your network for a day or more in their everyday work routine.

**What You  
Can Do  
NOW**

### Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

### Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

### Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

**Get Started: [successworks.wisc.edu](https://successworks.wisc.edu)**

# Put your Biology major to **WORK**

## Common Alumni Job Titles:

- Physician Assistant
- Project Manager
- Physical Therapist
- Registered Nurse
- Dentist
- Optometrist
- Physician
- Account Manager
- President
- Pharmacist/Pharmacy Manager
- Consultant
- Chiropractor
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Scientist
- Teacher



## Employers of Biology Alumni:

### Top 10:

1. UW Health
2. Epic
3. Covance
4. Medical College of WI
5. PPD
6. Exact Sciences
7. Aurora Healthcare
8. Walgreens
9. CVS Pharmacy
10. Catalent Pharma Solutions

### Additional Employers:

- Abb Vie
- Mayo Clinic
- Athletico
- 3M
- Abbot
- Apple
- CDW
- CUNA Mutual Group

## Recent Grads' Career Plans:

- 47%** Employment
- 4%** Volunteer or Service Programs
- 48%** Continuing Education or Grad School

## Recent Grads' Employment Sector:

- 42%** Private Industry
- 30%** Non-Profit
- 26%** Government

## Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 41%** Wisconsin →
- 11%** Illinois →
- 6%** Minnesota →
- 5%** California →
- 37%** Other →



"I have worked in a lab and the clinic, and now I work in a more administrative role, but I still work on developing new drugs. Your Biology major gives you so many options to choose from and you don't have to just stick with one in your career either. Experience from one can help you get a job in another field."

**Danielle Gries, 2014**  
Senior Project Coordinator Supervisor, Covance  
Madison, WI



"Every day, I use my Biology major to explain ideas at different levels of complexity. When talking with physicians, managers and other colleagues, I craft my explanation to fit their level of interest and understanding."

**Alexander Siy, 2016**  
Interventional Territory Manager  
Vena Interventional - Authorized Dealer for GE Healthcare  
Waukesha, WI

## Career Communities for Biology Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Biology majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- **Healthcare & Human Services**
- **Scientific Research & Development**
- **Technology, Data & Analytics**
- **Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations**

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