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**CAREER MAP**

This resource is a guide for the possible career paths associated with the undergraduate degree in Exercise and Movement Science.

**CAREER PATHWAYS**

**THREE INDUSTRIES:**

- **Strength Training and Conditioning**
  - Strength training and conditioning professionals work on improving the overall strength, aesthetics, or movement performance of individuals.

- **Health, Fitness, and Wellness**
  - Health and wellness professionals improve individuals’ quality of life by teaching healthy habits, creating exercise programs, and offering nutritional services.

- **Clinical Exercise**
  - Clinical exercise professionals work in healthcare settings to improve and rehabilitate the individual from injury or illness.

**LIST OF JOB TITLES BY INDUSTRY**

**Strength Training and Conditioning**

- Certified Personal Trainer
- Sport Performance Enhancement Specialist
- Sport Coach
- Corrective Exercise Specialist
- Sport Management
- Sport Psychology

**Health and Wellness**

- Certified Personal Trainer
- Group Exercise Specialist
- Yoga and Pilates instructor
- Corrective Exercise Specialist
- Health Ambassador
- Activities Coordinator
- Corporate Wellness

**Clinical Exercise**

- Clinical Exercise Physiologist
- Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Specialist
- Ergonomist
- Industrial Physiologist
- Nutritionist/Dietician
- Exercise Psychologist

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some jobs will be enhanced through the continuation of education through either professional organizations or Master’s and PhD Programs.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OPTIONS**

Exercise and Movement Science majors can use their degree to prepare for future studies in the following professional settings:

- Athletic Training
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Clinical Exercise Science / Physiology
- Human Performance
- Public Health
- Physician’s Assistant
- Chiropractic
- Ergonomist
- Nutritionist/Dietician