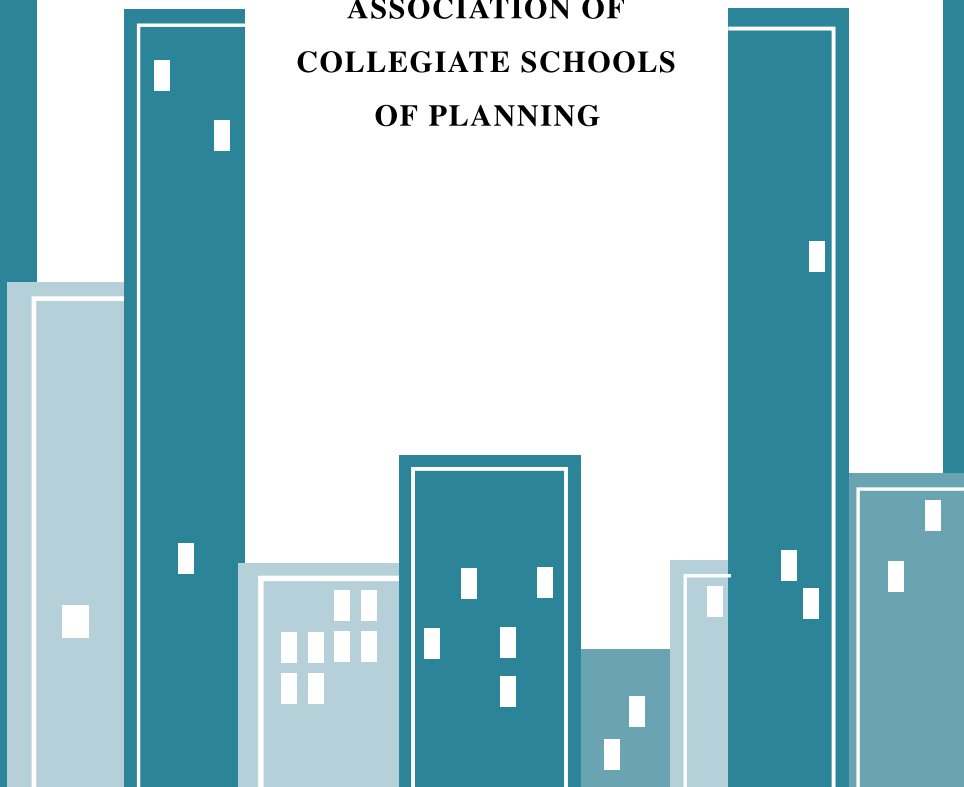


Choosing a Career in Urban and Regional Planning



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This CAREER GUIDE was prepared as a public service by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), a consortium of university based programs offering degrees and credentials in urban and regional planning. ACSP hopes to encourage a wide range of high school and undergraduate students to consider a rewarding and challenging career in planning.

ACSP promotes education, research, service, and outreach in the United States and throughout the world by seeking to:

- recognize diverse needs and interests in planning;
- strengthen the role of planning education in colleges and universities through publications, conferences, and community engagement;
- improve and enhance the accreditation process, and;
- extend planning beyond the classroom into the world of practice.

If you are interested in a career in which you can help your community, influence the direction of growth and change, and build a better future, you should read this CAREER GUIDE.

Our Objectives

This GUIDE is designed to show you:

- how fulfilling a career in planning might be;
- the wide variety of jobs which urban and regional planners do;
- the kind of education and training you need to become a planner;
- the range of Universities which offer planning education and training; and
- how you might choose a University planning program matched to your interests and needs.

Is The Planning Career for Me?

- Are you interested in positive social, economic, environmental, and physical change?
- Do you want to work with people from various backgrounds to develop a better community?
- Do you like to communicate with others about ideas, programs, and plans?
- Are you challenged by complex problems—and excited about being part of a cooperative process to devise solutions to those problems?
- Do you think about the future—about what could be—rather than about what is?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, you should seriously consider becoming a planner!

What Do Planners Do?

Planning is a systematic, creative way to influence the future of neighborhoods, cities, rural and metropolitan areas, and even the country and the world. Urban and regional planners use their professional skills to serve communities facing social, economic, environmental, and cultural challenges by helping community residents to:

- develop ways to preserve and enhance their quality-of-life;
- find methods to protect the natural and built environment;
- identify policies to promote equity and equality;
- structure programs to improve services to disadvantaged communities, and ;
- determine methods to deal effectively with growth and development of all kinds.

Urban and regional planners do many types of jobs and are involved in almost any kind of government or private activity which seeks to affect the future or respond to community change. The majority of planners work in traditional planning areas such as land use, environmental protection, economic development, transportation, community design, housing, and social planning. However individual planners can still have a wide variety of responsibilities within these broadly defined specialties. Other planners work in less traditional areas, often with people from other disciplines, such as healthy communities or energy development or school planning. Some planners become *generalists*—they develop a level of expertise in several substantive areas. Others become *specialists* and define themselves as housing or transportation or environmental planners.

Most planners share a common set of skills and values even though they may specialize in one or two substantive areas. Using their “planning toolkit” they:

- involve all affected parties in important planning decisions;
- help communities to develop their own vision of the future, preparing plans responsive to shared community objectives;
- analyze qualitative and quantitative information to suggest possible solutions to complex problems;
- evaluate the cost-effectiveness of proposed projects and plans; and
- present recommendations to public officials and citizen groups in a comprehensive and understandable way.

Planners work in government, with non-profit agencies, and in private industry. Those in the public sector often work for city or county governments or regional planning agencies but there are also planning jobs at the State and Federal level. International organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank also hire planners. Planners with jobs in the private sector can work with utility companies, law firms, real estate developers, and planning consultants. Planners also work in the non-profit sector and with non-governmental agencies like the United Way or community development organizations or advocacy groups for the elderly.

In their jobs, some planners have responsibility for specific *geographic* areas such as individual neighborhoods in a city or region; within those areas they may provide assistance on a variety of substantive issues from land use to transportation. Other planners have *substantive* responsibilities—such as housing or environmental planning—and provide assistance in their specific specialization to many communities within a city or region. Some planners work on projects which will be undertaken within a year or two while others focus their efforts on projects many years in the future.

Today, planners may move back and forth between jobs in the public, non-profit, and private sectors over the course of their career. They may also work for different levels of governments at different times. And they may change their specialities or their focus long after they leave school in response to on-the-job experiences or the opportunity for new challenges.

While you may think of planning as an urban activity, it actually occurs in communities of all sizes. Many planners work in small cities, in rural areas, and for Indian Nations. Others work in suburban neighborhoods at the periphery of large regions while still others have jobs in the dense core of major metropolitan areas. In the next few pages we'll describe the most common planning specialities.

PLANNING SPECIALIZATIONS

Land Use Planning

Most planners are involved in this, the most traditional kind of planning practice. At the same time, there are many different kinds of land use planning jobs. Some land use planners develop ways to encourage growth or development in certain communities or along appropriate corridors while others work to discourage growth in environmentally sensitive areas or where supporting services cannot be effectively provided.

Some land use planners work on long-range comprehensive plans which are designed to coordinate all the important activities in which a community engages—housing, recreation, transportation, water and air quality, and so forth. Some land use planners help develop or administer local regulations which establish the kind of housing, industrial, and retail facilities which can be built in the city. Others develop ways to finance public services while still other land use planners evaluate the impact of proposed residential or commercial development and suggest ways for communities to respond.

Many land use planners coordinate their activities with other kinds of planners in order to protect open space and agricultural land in the face of increasing demands for new homes and businesses.

Environmental Planning

Environmental planners work to enhance the physical environment and minimize the adverse impacts of development. Some environmental planners focus on scientific and technical questions while others develop policies and programs to encourage the public to protect natural resources. Some planners develop expertise in one aspect of resource management while others attempt to identify the environmental implications of a range of government policies or proposed land use changes.

Some environmental planners focus on cleaning up polluted areas or resources while others focus on preventing contamination and the destruction of ecosystems.

Many environmental planners work to integrate a concern about pollution and the conservation of non-renewable resources into the plans developed in other substantive areas like transportation or economic development.

Economic Development Planning

Economic development planners, in North America and internationally, work to improve a community or region by expanding and diversifying the economic activities which support the families which live there. Many planners do so by helping develop plans to attract businesses which create new jobs and provide additional tax revenues; others work to keep businesses from leaving distressed areas.

Economic development planners at the local level often work to promote the special features of their community, sometimes by encouraging tourism or additional recreational opportunities. Some planners develop projects which bring housing and commercial enterprises, as well as jobs, into disadvantaged neighborhoods. Some economic development planners help communities find ways to finance the cost of new development while others work to overcome regulatory and other barriers to new projects.

Economic development planners often work in conjunction with land use, housing, social and community planners to address the needs of distressed communities or declining business districts.

Transportation Planning

Transportation planners help develop programs to meet the current transportation needs of families and businesses, locally and across a region; they also attempt to predict future travel patterns in order to identify the need for additional transportation services and facilities. Some transportation planners are very technically oriented and work with advanced computer technology; others deal with the social and economic aspects of travel. Some focus on one mode such as cycling or public transit while others attempt to plan for multiple modes.

Transportation planners working for local governments often respond to traffic congestion; others develop ways to finance new facilities. Some transportation planners help develop programs which are designed to encourage people to drive less, or which provide home-to-work options for welfare recipients trying to find jobs, or which organize special transportation services for the elderly.

Many transportation planners coordinate their activities with environmental, land use, and economic development planners.

Housing, Social and Community Planning

Many planners practice in these overlapping areas. Housing planners help develop strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing and expand home ownership among low income or disadvantaged groups. These planners often try to create incentives and remove constraints on private home builders or work with public or non-profit organizations to build housing units for low income families or senior citizens.

Many housing planners try to encourage mixed use developments which offer services and jobs close to where people live; others promote projects which provide housing opportunities for people from a mixture of income levels. Planners concerned with the social aspects of a community often combine their interest in housing with efforts to increase the overall quality of life in poor or minority neighborhoods.

Many social and community planners work to improve multiple aspects of a targeted neighborhood, combining many substantive planning skills from economic development to urban design. For example, community and social planners may work to improve transit service in disadvantaged communities or develop job training programs for unemployed residents or provide better public health facilities in low income neighborhoods. These planners often work with land use and transportation planners.

Other Important Planning Jobs

In addition to the substantive areas described above, you can find planning jobs in:

- public health
- coastal management
- criminal justice
- public policy and management
- elementary and secondary education
- human services
- historic preservation
- mediation and negotiation
- public finance
- urban design
- labor force development
- law

Will I Get A Job? Yes!

Planners continue to be in high demand throughout North America. There are promising career opportunities in every planning specialization, although sometimes there is more need for one specialization than another. Most planning programs help you get a “jump start” on finding a job at graduation by involving you in real-world planning projects and by encouraging or requiring you to do a planning internship as part of your education. These activities show you how different kinds of planners actually do their jobs, as well as giving you the opportunity to interact with practicing planners who might offer you a job when you graduate. In fact, many planning internships turn into full-time jobs after graduation.

Planning is a great career for women and people of color. Just under 40% of those hired as planners are women and there are few salary discrepancies between men and women entering public services. While only 7% of practicing planners identify themselves as members of minority groups, this number is growing. Many planning programs strongly encourage minority students of every type to obtain planning degrees because planning is a profession which values varying perspectives and different experiences. We have every expectation, as more minority planners graduate, that the number of professional planners from disadvantaged and minority backgrounds will substantially increase.

You can lay the groundwork for a successful job search long before you graduate. If you attend local and state or provincial meetings of the American Planning Association (APA) or the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) you will meet professional planners involved in a variety of projects—and learn about current and future job openings. It’s a great idea to join APA or CIP as a student because you get all the benefits of membership at a very low student fee. As an APA member you will receive regular correspondence and newsletters from your APA Chapter and Section; newsletters often contain job announcements (so even before you are in the job market you can see the kinds of jobs that do come available, the requirements, and the salary). In addition, APA publishes **JobMart** which lists job vacancies across the US (and sometimes Canada); APA members can subscribe to **JobMart** and most planning programs have a subscription.

How Can I Find Out More About Planning?

There are many ways to determine if a career in planning is right for you. If your university sponsors a career day, practicing planners may well attend. Seek them out and ask what they do and what their focus is. Attend a local meeting of the American Planning Association (APA) or Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP). Introduce yourself to some of the planners present and discuss their jobs

and responsibilities; question the kind of issues they tackle. Ask if a planning job would allow you to achieve your personal goals.

You can also read about a host of planning issues and how planners are addressing them in *Planning*, the magazine published by the American Planning Association (APA). Canadian students will find *Plan Canada*, the magazine published by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), to be equally useful. Both magazines feature the latest developments in planning. Your university or city library may have copies. On their website the APA has a section called **Jobs and Careers** which describes the profession, discusses the kind of issues planners might address, talks about planning education, and lists scholarships. **Check it out: www.planning.org**

The CIP has a series, *Planners at Work*, on their website which includes case studies illustrating the value of professional planning in Canadian cities: www.cip-icu.ca

To more thoroughly research different kinds of planning jobs, and to explore in greater depth a variety of important planning topics, find the latest edition of *The Practice of Local Government Planning*, published by the International City Management Association (ICMA); many libraries will have a copy. It contains individual chapters by different authors; each explains what a certain type of planner does or explores a major planning issue. There are chapters on land use, environmental, transportation, economic development, and other planning specializations as well as those discussing other important planning concerns.

You may also find it helpful to learn about the careers of a cross-section of practicing planners. In the next few pages you can read about the career paths, background, and education of six professional planners across the United States.

Paul C. Crawford, FAICP



Mr. Crawford received his bachelors degree in Community and Regional Planning from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. He is currently the president of a private planning firm, Crawford Multari & Clark Associates, which has provided city and regional planning services to more than 100 cities and 18 counties in California. Through his career, Mr. Crawford has served as plan-

ning director of the San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments and as an adjunct professor of city and regional planning at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He was elected to the California Planning Roundtable in 1993 and received the 1998 Award for Distinguished Leadership from the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mr. Crawford is a nationally recognized expert on zoning and is currently the Co-Chair of the Planners Task Force of the Congress for New Urbanism. He is co-author of *Codifying New Urbanism – How to Reform Municipal Land Development Regulations*, published by the American Planning Association. Mr. Crawford was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2001 in recognition of his many planning contributions.

Malik R. Goodwin



Mr. Goodwin has a BS in Architecture, a Masters in Architecture, and a Masters in Urban Planning, all from the University of Michigan. He is currently a project manager with the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, a quasi-public agency whose mission is to attract and retain businesses in the City of Detroit. Mr. Goodwin is the general manager for the Lower Woodward Streetscape Improvement Project, a \$21 million initiative to improve and enhance three main thoroughfares in the heart of downtown Detroit. He assists the City of Detroit

in preparing grant applications and in developing short-term planning strategies for making capital investments in the downtown area. Mr. Goodwin also coordinates capital projects for the City with state and federal agencies. Prior to joining the Economic Growth Corporation, he was an urban designer with a private architectural firm. Mr. Goodwin was drawn to planning because his mother was a city planner. He felt that his interest in helping cities to develop strategies to optimize the use of their resources over time would be enhanced by a planning education. He believes that effective strategists and managers are in high demand among the kind of public agencies which serve as custodians of community resources.

Angela Harper, FAICP



Ms. Harper received her Masters degree in Planning and Urban Design from the University of Virginia after her work for the Nashville/Davidson County Planning Department inspired her to continue her planning education. Since obtaining her degree she has worked with Henrico County, Virginia, in increasingly responsible positions. She has served as director of planning and deputy county manager and has helped the County achieve managed growth and a stable tax base. Ms. Harper was responsible for Henrico County's first major thoroughfare plan and the County's strategic plan. She also established the County's Community Development Block Grant program. She has received awards from the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Department of Transportation for her planning accomplishments. In 1999 Ms. Harper was selected as Local Official of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) in May of 2001 in recognition of her contribution to planning and the body of her planning accomplishments. She has served on many accreditation site teams, evaluating planning programs for PAB accreditation, and loves being "a cheerleader" for planning.

Emil R. Moncivais, AICP



Mr. Moncivais has a Bachelors degree in Architecture and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A & M University. He is currently the director of planning for the City of San Antonio, Texas; he previously served as the director of planning for the City of Fort Worth. Mr. Moncivais also served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and as a professor of urban geography at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. In his current position Mr. Moncivais directs and oversees the City of San Antonio's comprehensive planning, neighborhood planning, historic preservation, and GIS (geographic information system) efforts. Under his leadership the City of San Antonio has received nine major awards from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association and the International City Management Association. He was drawn to a career in city planning by his experiences with the civil rights movement in the 1960s. He felt that the movement gave him a sense of joy and a vision for the future in which he could make a difference. He saw it was possible to make that goal operational by becoming a planner and helping to develop livable communities, enhance quality of life, and bring cohesiveness to a diversified society.

Tripp Muldrow, AICP



Mr. Muldrow has a BA in English and a Masters in City Planning from Clemson University. He is currently a partner in a private planning firm, Arnett Muldrow & Associates, based in Greenville, South Carolina. The firm helps small towns and cities rebuild their aging downtowns, reinvigorate their historic neighborhoods, and create economic development opportunities while preserving the special characteristics that make each city and town unique. Mr. Muldrow has coordinated commercial corridor business associations, developed and implemented historic preservation policies, and authored downtown development studies, tourism strategies, and economic development master plans. Mr. Muldrow is currently the president of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association, a board member of Community Builders, a commissioner of the Greenville Housing Authority, and a member of the Board of Regents for Leadership Greenville. Mr. Muldrow was always fascinated by cities, particularly their downtowns, and how they worked. His career path was set once he learned about the breadth and scope of the planning field. He loves his job and finds the opportunities limitless; being a consultant means his work keeps changing which keeps everything exciting.

Terri Y. Montague



Ms. Montague has a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of Chicago and a Masters Degree in City Planning and Real Estate Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is currently the president and chief operating officer of the Enterprise Foundation, which works with local and national partners to develop affordable housing for low income families and provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations that are building and revitalizing local neighborhoods. Prior to her job with Enterprise, Ms. Montague managed a strategic investment initiative in housing and community investment for Lend Lease Real Estate Investments. In her current position, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the community development nonprofit corporation with an annual budget of \$50 million and 235 employees nationwide. She began her community development career as a Geno Baroni Fellow at the Community Information Exchange in Washington, DC.

Ms. Montague initially found planning so appealing because of its interdisciplinary nature and the promise it holds for creating effective public/private partnerships. She feels that planning offers the potential to understand and shape the vital and varied institutions that transform the nature of opportunity in our cities—especially for low income people and places.

A Planner's Education

What kind of an education should a planner have? Today most people need a professional *Masters Degree in Planning* to get the best planning jobs, although a Bachelors degree (BA or BS) can provide an entry into the profession. Universities offering both Bachelors and Graduate degrees are listed in this CAREER GUIDE. People can enter Masters programs in planning with many different kinds of Bachelors degrees; it is not necessary to have a BA/BS in Planning to do graduate work in planning. Some planners are educated first in the social sciences like public administration, sociology, economics, geography, or government; others are trained first in the design professions like architecture, urban design, and landscape architecture. Still others have their undergraduate degree in professions such as public health, social work, nursing, or engineering. Many

people with undergraduate degrees in the Arts or Humanities (English, Art, History) also choose to pursue a graduate planning degree.

Some people use the new skills they acquire in graduate school to expand the emphasis of their undergraduate degree while others develop new approaches. For example, those with economics training may become economic development planners while those with degrees in biology or chemistry may choose to become environmental planners. But it is not unusual for someone trained at the undergraduate level as an architect to become a social policy planner or for someone with a BS in Nursing to become a housing planner!

There are many universities where you can gain the education and training you need to become a planner. Today there are more than 125 planning programs or planning departments as members of the **Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)** or of the **Association of Canadian University Planning Programs (ACUPP)**. U.S. programs (69) and Canadian programs (20) give accredited degrees; two Canadian schools are accredited by both organizations. Most of these programs are described in detail in the body of the **GUIDE TO UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE EDUCATION IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING** produced by the ACSP. This 324-page book can be obtained using the contact information on the inside back-cover of this brochure.

You should try to attend a planning program **accredited** by either the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) in the U.S. or the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) in Canada, because it can make a difference in your career. These organizations review Masters or Bachelors Planning programs to assure prospective students, employers, and the public that the education and training they provide measure up to the profession's standards—and that they are therefore qualified to train future planners. The PAB does not evaluate PhD programs for accreditation because the primary focus of the doctoral degree is usually not professional practice. However, the CIP does evaluate Canadian PhD programs for accreditation.

The PAB is jointly sponsored by ACSP, the organization of planning professors and by an organization of professional planners, the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). The CIP is the Canadian organization of professional planners. The PAB strives to foster high standards for professional education in planning; accredited programs must meet strict standards developed cooperatively by both practicing planners and planning academicians. The same is true of the Canadian schools accredited by the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Not all accredited schools teach the same courses or emphasize the same subjects—in fact, the differences between the schools appeal to different student interests. But the curriculum at all accredited schools will provide you with a core set of theories, methods, and techniques which properly prepare you for a career as a practicing planner. Graduating from an accredited program will make you more attractive to most agencies or firms hiring planners. In addition, you will be able to join the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) sooner after leaving school if you attend an accredited school. Being a certified planner can advance your professional career.

This CAREER GUIDE also contains several universities outside North America; these programs may be very interesting to you. Remember however, no program outside of North America is eligible for either PAB or CIP accreditation.

How to Choose the Best Planning Program

While all accredited planning programs cover the same set of core materials and techniques, they do so in different ways. Planning programs vary greatly in the issues they emphasize, the research they foster, and the professional projects

in which they engage. As a result, programs may differ markedly in the kinds of topics to which you will be exposed, the other students with whom you attend class, and the kind of educational experience you will have.

For example, planning programs located near the ocean may offer a concentration in coastal resource planning; programs located in farm states may focus on rural and small urban planning issues; those along the Mexican or Canadian border may stress comparative planning. Of course, other planning programs may offer these same concentrations in response to the backgrounds and research interests of their faculty. Individual programs also vary in the extent to which they emphasize practice in studios and workshops or in the degree to which they expose students to research and policy analysis. Some programs have established international ties; others have long worked with local communities to provide students with practical experience.

To determine the planning program which will best provide you with the education and training you want, decide which issues you would like to highlight in your educational program and the professional specialization you think you might want to follow. Then look at the programs listed in this CAREER GUIDE to see which stress the topics you want to cover, which provide the courses you would like to take, which offer the experiences you seek.

You may be interested in the background of the other students in the program; for example, if you would like to work or study for awhile in another country you might be interested in a school that has a fair number of international students or faculty with comparative research interests. If you would like to be part of a small, intimate program think about applying to schools with a relatively small number of students. If you are interested in research or think that you might want to go on for a PhD in Planning (which would allow you to teach at a university) you might want to consider those programs that offer both Masters and Doctoral degrees.

If you are interested in learning through hands-on experiences, try to identify those programs offering a large number of project courses or requiring a professional project (or “capstone”) report instead of a thesis to graduate. If you want to spend some time working internationally, you could select a university that has exchange programs in other countries. Perhaps you have an interest in another subject related to planning, like public health or law: look for programs with dual degrees in planning and these other fields. And, of course, you have to consider financial and other practical details—scholarships and grants, the possibility of getting a job or loans, the total cost of education, etc.

The GUIDE TO GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING is set up to help you quickly evaluate a large number of planning programs by comparing the major factors likely to be of most interest to students: the course offerings and requirements, the type of students in the program, the background and experiences of the faculty, the costs of attending, and the possibility of financial assistance. But the brief entries in this book can only help you narrow down your choices—there simply isn’t enough space to tell you all you want, or need to know about a prospective program.

Once you have identified a number of programs that *might* meet your needs, **contact them directly!** Start by visiting their websites; then contact the chair of the program or individual faculty who work in the areas in which you have an interest. Most programs have a wealth of promotional material they will be happy to send you.

Students often ask: “*What’s the best school for...*” this or that specialization. There is no one answer. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

has refused to rank schools because every planning program that has its own strengths and resources. There is simply no effective way to say that one school offers a better degree than another. Planning students bring their own goals, background, and experiences to their educational career—so different individuals will get very different things from any individual planning program. Only you can decide the best school for your needs, interests, and resources.

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