

## Studying Philosophy at USF

### A Brief Guide for Students Considering a Career in the Health Professions

An April 6, 2008 article in the New York Times confirms what those of us who teach in philosophy programs had come to suspect: nationwide, in recent years, there has been a marked increase in the number of undergraduates studying philosophy. We have observed this increase at the University of South Florida, too. , W ¶ V Q R W K D U G W R X Q G H U V W D Q G Z K \ 7 R V W X G \ S K L C things, to study how to reason well. Philosophy majors perform at or very near the top on standardized tests such as the GRE, the LSAT, and the MCAT (See our website for references.). They are also in great demand in professions that demand the ability to think critically, write clearly and cogently, and argue forcefully. Such skills are likely to come in handy in a broad range of careers <sup>2</sup> which is fortunate for those who have them, as given the fast pace of economic and social change, most students entering college today will probably face at least one major career change.

- <sup>2</sup> Environmental Ethics

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