

# So What Is An ACTUARY Anyway?



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Chris has consulted on a wide range of retirement plan related issues including:

- ◆ Design, implementation, administration, funding and ongoing evaluation of all types of retirement programs, including pension and retiree medical plans
- ◆ Financial and risk management of retirement programs including plan design, funding strategies and settlement strategies
- ◆ Retirement program integration and due diligence associated with mergers and acquisitions
- ◆ Labor negotiation consulting with respect to employee benefit programs
- ◆ Demographic studies to support workforce management and succession planning initiatives
- ◆ Employee communications and change management

## EXTERNAL ROLES

Chris serves on the executive board of Gamma Iota Sigma, the international collegiate business fraternity for actuarial science, insurance and risk management students. He also serves on the actuarial science program advisory boards of Central Michigan University, Oakland University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, as well as on the Actuarial Foundation Diversity Scholarship Committee. Chris is a frequent speaker at university actuarial club meetings throughout Michigan and surrounding states.

## EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Chris is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries and an Enrolled Actuary. He joined Towers Watson in 1996 after receiving a B.S. in actuarial science and mathematics from Central Michigan University.

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