



Better Together: Connecting with the Career Center

Mission

We educate and empower students and alumni in their development of lifelong career management skills.

Locations

USC Career Center (Main)

Level 5 – Thomas Cooper Library

College off Engineering and Computing

1st Floor – Swearingen Engineering Center, Suite 1A01

Office of Pre-Professional and Graduate School Advising

Sumwalt College, Room 208

Graduate Student Resources Hub

Close-Hipp Building – 2nd Floor, Room 204



Work We Do

- **Served 2,687 students** (May 2022 – December 2022) in individual engagements
- **25% increase** in individual student appointments compared to last year
- Increase in both face-to-face and virtual appointments
- **69% increase** in EAB referrals from Advisors (88 in 2021 vs. 149 in 2022)
- Students who began their job search 6 months or more prior to graduation earn **\$8,200 more**
- Graduates who completed an internship earned **\$7,441 more** than those who did not do an internship
- Recruiters **hire 63.9%** of their new college hires from their internship and co-op programs (2020)

Success Tools & Services for Students

Career Programs: career development workshops, presentations, webinars, career fairs, networking events, etc.

Career Assessments: FOCUS 2, SuperStrong Interest Inventory, Personality Assessment, Work Values

Online Career Tools: GradStats (Stepping Blocks), Handshake, Big Interview, CareerShift, Student Toolkit – Trello Board

Experiential Education Opportunities: Carolina Internship Program (CIP), Mentorship Hub, Micro-internships (Parker-Dewey), Pathways to Professions

Career Services: one-on-one coaching appointments, practice interviewing, job/internship search strategies, reserve an interview room, Career Studio, evening virtual support



Better Together – Career Center, Advisors, Faculty, and Staff

- Faculty/Staff Toolbox – Trello Board
- Class presentations, one-on-one consultations
- Support implementing career development into advising, small group sessions
- Career Champion Program



Career Champion – Training Levels

Career Development

Become proficient in helping skills, goal setting techniques, legal and ethical practices, career development decision making, and how best to make referrals to available resources.

Spring 2023:
Feb. 13, 20, & 27
2:20-3:30 pm
In-Person

Experiential Education

Take a deep dive into experiential education. Learn how you can help your students gain beyond the classroom experience and assist them through their experience.

Spring 2023:
March 13
2:20-3:30 pm
Virtual

Career Readiness

Learn how to develop career ready skills in your students by fostering demonstrations of the core competencies they need for success.

Spring 2023:
April 10
2:20-3:30 pm
Virtual

CAREER COMPETENCIES



Critical Thinking



Communication



Teamwork



Technology



Leadership



Professionalism



Career & Self-
Development



Equity & Inclusion

Employers Skill Expectations of Students

NACE Eight Career Readiness Competencies

•Career & Self Development

- Ex. Career assessments, Career events

•Communication

- Ex. Presentations, Papers/essays, Interviews

•Critical Thinking

- Ex. Course assignments, Group discussions

•Equity & Inclusion

- Ex. Cultural programs & engagement

•Leadership

- Ex. Student organizations, Ambassadors

•Professionalism

- Ex. Research, Internships, Conferences

•Teamwork

- Ex. Group projects, Service opportunities

•Technology

- Ex. Software suite basics, Learn new technology

Let's Connect - Ways We Can Work Together

- Trello Board – Career Center Advisor/Faculty/Staff Partner Toolbox.
- Consulting Appointment – Schedule a consulting appointment with our staff to incorporate employability into your lesson plans and syllabus.
- Classroom Presentations or small group – Our staff will provide your students with an overview of our resources and programs and how to best use them in the career planning process via presentation, workshop, or information session.
- Employer Connections – Connect your industry contacts with us or have them contact us to post their opportunities. Join us for meetings with employers interested in hiring your students.
- Connect students to career resources that will equip them in career preparation
- Incorporate the eight career readiness competencies through courses and experiential learning
- Bridge the gap between students' campus experience, courses/s and future careers through working with the Career Center.

Career Center Main Events – Spring 2023

- February 1, 2023 – **USC Health Professions Fair**: IN-PERSON
- February 9, 2023 – **USC Health Professions Fair**: VIRTUAL
- February 15, 2023 – **USC Education Recruitment Day**: IN-PERSON
- February 23, 2023 – **USC STEM Career & Internship Fair, Day 1**: IN-PERSON: **SOLD OUT!**
- February 24, 2023 – **USC STEM Career & Internship Fair, Day 2**: IN-PERSON
- March 28, 2023 – **USC All-Majors Career & Internship Fair**: IN-PERSON
- March 29, 2023 – **USC All-Majors Career & Internship Fair**: VIRTUAL

For more details about career fairs, other events, and to register visit Handshake

Tools/Resources – URL Links

- **SuperStrong Interest Inventory Assessment** - [https://sc.edu/about/offices and divisions/career center/student services/plan a career/assessment tools/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/career_center/student_services/plan_a_career/assessment_tools/index.php)
- **Handshake** - <https://sc.joinhandshake.com/login>
- **GradStats (SteppingBlocks)** – <https://sc.edu/gradstats>
- **Mentorship Hub** - <https://mentorshipub.sc.edu/>
- **Parker Dewey (Micro-Internships)** - <https://info.parkerdewey.com/SC>
- **Career Champion Program** - [https://sc.edu/about/offices and divisions/career center/faculty services/careerchampion.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/career_center/faculty_services/careerchampion.php)
- **Faculty/Staff Partner Toolbox** – <https://trello.com/b/ebPleelj/career-center-faculty-staff-partner-toolbox>
- **Employer Referrals** - [https://sc.edu/about/offices and divisions/career center/faculty services/employer referrals/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/career_center/faculty_services/employer_referrals/index.php)

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