Start Up Your Future  UNC Asheville Career Center

A student’s guide to the Career Center at UNC Asheville
The Career Center is available to help you navigate your career path from the moment you enroll at UNC Asheville to the years beyond graduation.

**Career Counseling and Advising**
Students can meet one-on-one with peer advisers or professional career counselors about their career decisions, graduate school search strategies, and job or internship questions. Information on job search strategies and practice interviews also are available.

**Self-Assessments**
Learn how your interests, skills, values and personality influence your career choices.

**Major Information**
Determine the major that will fit your interests and prepare you for the occupation of your dreams. Find out what you can do with different majors at UNC Asheville.

**Student Employment**
UNC Asheville has many on-campus jobs for students enrolled for six or more credits. Use RockyLink to find available positions.

**Internship Program**
Gain hands-on experience in your fields of interest. UNC Asheville provides students the opportunity to pursue a credit-based internship through your major or through the Career Center.

**Career Connections**
The Career Center hosts job fairs, networking events, career panels and other events to help you connect with employers. Jobs and internships are posted on RockyLink, and we help you network through LinkedIn.
Your liberal arts education at UNC Asheville emphasizes connections across subjects, and the Career Center can help you extend those connections into your profession. Whether you’ve just discovered your passion for a major or you are only months away from graduation, we can help you define and develop your skills and talents, discover positions that will be the best fit for your future, and show employers how your critical and creative thinking translates into problem-solving that will make a difference in their business and in the world.

Start up your future at career.unca.edu or visit us in the Career Center in 259 Highsmith University Union.
ENGAGE:

Know yourself & your interests

- Identify your interests, values, skills and personality type with a career counselor.
- Take classes and notice what subjects you enjoy learning about.
- Get involved in a student group that interests you.
- Notice where you are spending your time and what activities you enjoy doing.

UNC Asheville students have a 95 percent acceptance rate to graduate or professional schools.

The Career Center can help you develop a timeline, prepare for admissions tests and research your options.
CONNECT:

Explore career options to find your fit

- Explore academic major options and numerous careers that fit your liberal arts education and skills.
- Attend Career Panels and talk with family, friends, faculty or alumni about the world of work and academic options.
- Access RockyLink for on-campus and off-campus part-time jobs, internships and full-time jobs.
- Get advice from professionals and faculty, arrange informational interviews and job-shadowing experiences, and test all of your career options.
- Create LinkedIn Profile with academic and work experiences and invite faculty, alumni, employers, friends and others to develop a professional network.
- Speak with professors about shared intellectual interests and research graduate school programs.
- Identify trends by reviewing professional publications and websites to gain industry knowledge.

“UNC Asheville grads often have the flexibility, skills and sense of adventure we are looking for in the Peace Corps.” —Meleia Cullman Egger
Regional Recruiter, Peace Corps
EXPERIENCE:

Get experience to develop skills

- Participate in extracurricular and leadership activities, internships, co-ops or research opportunities that will develop the skills, knowledge and experience you need to reach your career goals.
- Attend job fairs to meet with employers from a variety of internship programs and visit the Career Center website to learn about requirements for academic credit and learning objectives.
- Access RockyLink to customize and activate the Search Agent to receive interest-specific emails about internships and resume referrals.

“... The Career Center has introduced me to many opportunities over the years, including an amazing internship at Moogfest 2014, a job-shadowing experience with the Charlotte Bobcats and Fox Sports South, and they led me to my current job at WLOS News 13. After graduating, I met with the staff at the Career Center who helped touch up my resume and kept me updated on relevant job opportunities. Thanks to their dedication and resources, I am now happily working in my field.”

—Sean Braswell ’14
Mass Communication
Production Assistant, WLOS

“... The Career Center’s dedicated staff took great strides in ensuring I was adequately prepared for my position at Mission Health. From resumes to cover letters, mock interviews as well as encouragement and support, this team is committed to the overall success of each student they come in contact with. Taking time to speak with the counselors gave me the needed edge for competitively being successful and subsequently being hired.”

—James McLelland Jr. ’13
Technical Specialist, IT,
Mission Health Systems
PREPARE:

Market yourself for internships, jobs & graduate schools

- Prepare to sell skills and strengths by developing a job search action plan through targeted marketing materials (resume, cover letter, LinkedIn Profile) and self-promotion activities (networking, interviewing).
- Research jobs that use your skills and would be a good fit for your preferred career goals.
- Update your RockyLink account.
- Attend job fairs, career panels, employer information sessions and other events to network with employers.
- Update your LinkedIn Profile with professional picture and qualifications and reach out to your network to access the “hidden job market.”
- Prepare graduate school application if career choice requires an advanced degree; check admissions requirements, testing dates and timelines.
- Customize and submit targeted resumes and cover letters for job positions using Career Center resources.
- Practice effective interview skills by participating in mock interviews.
- Update your social media sites to connect with your network of supporters.
Visit the Career Center to start up your future.

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