Cooperative Education Internship Program

The Cooperative Education Internship Program (CEIP) at WCSU combines traditional classroom study with meaningful on-the-job experience in business, industry and the not-for-profit and public sectors. For participating students, professional development, academic achievement and personal growth often occur.

Employers use the WCSU CEIP to gain project assistance, supplement the professional staff and to screen future employees. Many CEIP students go on to become regular employees at the organization in which they completed their cooperative education internship assignment.

CEIP AT-A-GLANCE

- Many opportunities available — students from all majors (with at least 45 credits completed) are eligible to apply
- The majority of internships provide a competitive hourly salary
- Part- and full-time positions available during academic terms
- Earn as many as 12 credits during a semester (18 maximum) through CEIP

For more details on this exciting program, contact Dr. Anthony Ciarleglio, Director of Cooperative Education, at (203) 837-8265 or ciarleglioa@wcsu.edu.

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Career Development Center

“My internship experience was amazing and full of hands-on learning that I would not trade for anything.” — Emma Olownia, student

“Never underestimate the power of networking ... You’re already ahead of the game if you can ask questions of someone who has been there and done that.” — Gayle Saunders, alumnus
Career Counseling

Career counseling is available to WCSU students to explore the relationship between values, interests and skills to educational and career options. From exploring/changing majors and seeking experiential education, to learning how to translate liberal arts skills and finding meaningful work, the CDC helps students in these areas and more.

Senior Recruitment Program

As graduating seniors prepare to leave the academic world and enter/re-enter the workforce, explore fulltime, professional career opportunities presented by area employers through the recruitment program. Employers may vary from semester to semester and year to year, based on their individual needs. The excellent reputation of WCSU students has ensured strong relationships between the employers and the Career Development Center.

Resources

The Career Development Center has a wide-range of resources to assist with career exploration, planning and job search needs:

- **Sigi 3**: interactive career guidance and information system to identify interests, values and skills and links to career possibilities.
- **Career workshops**: Resume/cover letter, interview, job search, networking and LinkedIn
- **Colonial Career Connection**: online job/internship posting system
- **Industry-specific career panels**
- **Annual Career Fair**
- **Student-Alumni Networking**
- **Classroom presentations**
- **Special events and guest speakers on career topics**

Creating your four-year career plan

**Year One: Discover & Explore**

- Discuss your career interests with a career counselor
- Utilize career assessment tools to determine your interests
- Explore our career libraries
- Engage in career programming and workshops

**Year Two: Prepare & Practice**

- Research career fields of interest
- Participate in classroom presentations and workshops presented by CDC
- Get online! Utilize our VAULT career library and Colonial Career Connection job board
- Discuss our Co-op Internship Program (open to students with 45 credits or more)
- Attend the Career Fair and speak with employers to gather information about part-time and possible internship opportunities

**Year Three: Experience & Assess**

- Attend CDC workshops (resume critiques, interview skills, job search strategies, LinkedIn workshops, etiquette programs) to prepare for interviews
- Apply to the Cooperative Education Internship Program and meet with a staff member to discuss your interests and opportunities
- Engage in networking programs and connect with employers and WCSU alumni
- Create a LinkedIn profile if you have not already
- Attend the Career Fair to seek internships and summer positions. Become familiar with employer expectations
- Get online! Utilize our VAULT career library and Colonial Career Connection job board
- Perform a mock interview with a CDC counselor or an employer contact

**Year Four: Implement & Engage**

- Update your resume; develop a solid cover letter and prepare your elevator speech
- Continue to attend CDC workshops (resume critiques, interview skills, job search strategies, LinkedIn workshops, etiquette programs) to prepare for interviews
- Attend the Career Fair to seek internships, summer and full-time positions. Deliver your “elevator speech”
- Get online! Utilize our VAULT career library, Colonial Career Connection job board
- Develop a professional presence on social media; update your LinkedIn profile; build your connections and relationships
- If you have not yet, apply for internships to gain experience during your last year
- Participate in senior recruiting: on- and off-campus recruiting opportunities (graduating seniors)
- Attend professional association meetings as well as graduate school fairs
- Participate in our CDC First Destination Survey (open to graduating students)

The only thing better than a great WCSU education is to add as much experience as you can to your professional resume. The CDC can help you do that!” – Nima Rezvan, Alumnus

Career Workshops

CDC workshops, seminars and special events occur year-round, including:

- Resume-writing, interviewing skills, job search, networking and more
- Classroom presentations on services, career and job search related to specific disciplines
- Mock interview and employer information sessions
- Resume review sessions
- Special workshops such as “Cleaning Up the Digital Dirt,” “Leveraging LinkedIn” and more

Special Events

- Annual CDC Career Fair brings as many as 75 employers or more to campus on one day to offer part and full-time, cooperative education internships, summer positions, and networking opportunities
- Career panels featuring area employers and WCSU alumni
- Joint programs with WCSU student clubs and organizations focused on field-specific career opportunities and issues
- Programs on Etiquette, Professional “Style,” “Dressing for Success” and more