Welcome to the
Career Development Center
California State University, Los Angeles
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CAREER COUNSELING

Making a self-assessment, doing research, choosing an academic major and investigating career options and graduate/professional programs are important career planning steps. Integrating all the details of a job search is an integral piece of the plan as well. Professional career counselors are available to discuss these issues with students and alumni via individual counseling appointments.

WORKSHOPS

A variety of free hour-long workshops is offered each quarter to assist students with their career development. Workshops address such topics as interview techniques, resume writing, job search strategies, etiquette and graduate school application. The workshop schedule is available online and can also be picked up at the Career Center reception desk.

www.calstatela.edu/careercenter is the CDC website. Find out what is happening in the CDC and access countless resources here, including the following.

CareerExpress  NEW!
CareerExpress provides meaningful and user-friendly resources that are available to you 24/7. These robust programs cover the fields of assessment, research, planning, preparing for the job search, and job hunting. CareerExpress includes the following programs:

Focus 2; Choices Planner; What Can I Do With This Major?; Candid Career; Occupational Outlook Handbook; Career Spots; Perfect Interview; Interview Stream 360; Vault Career Insider; Passport Career; and the JFK Library’s Career and Job Hunting Research page.

Career Resource Library

The Center maintains a comprehensive collection of books, directories, binders, videos and some DVD’s on the following topics:

- Academic majors and careers
- Interviewing techniques, resume and cover letter writing, job search techniques
- Job search for special populations
- Salary surveys and labor statistics
- Graduate/professional programs
- Civil service positions
- Company profiles

The library also features six computers for students to use for career-related purposes.

Eagle iJobs

Eagle iJobs provides exclusive online job listings that feature full and part-time on and off-campus jobs and internships for Cal State L.A. students and eligible alumni. All Cal State L.A. students are encouraged to register with the service, and they can see our website or our front desk for details.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Computer-Assisted Guidance

Career Assessment Instruments. The Strong Interest Inventory (SII) and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) are offered through individual appointments.
EMPLOYMENT

Student Employment

There are two student part-time on-campus employment programs. Job openings for both programs are posted in the Career Center and on Eagle iJobs.

- **Student Assistant**: Students are employed to assist faculty and staff on a part-time basis, maximum of 20 hours per week, in many of the offices and departments of the University. Students may consult the Student Employment Office for specific policies regarding these positions.

- **Federal Work-Study (FWS)**: This is a federal financial aid program intended to increase part-time employment opportunities for financially eligible students. FWS awards are made by the Center for Student Financial Aid (Student Affairs, Room 124). Due to budget constraints, not all financially needy students are awarded FWS.

Job Location and Development Program

The Job Location and Development Program develops and advertises off-campus employment opportunities and makes them available to our students and alumni.

- **Job Referral**: A wide range of vacancies is made available to the campus community in business, industry, civil service, and education. These vacancies are frequently updated and placed in binders, on our tables and online via Eagle iJobs.

- **Internships/Cooperative Education**: Internships are paid or unpaid and offer students hands-on experience in their major discipline. Cooperative Education positions are internships which enable the student, with department approval, to earn elective credit toward an academic major or minor.

- **Off-Campus Federal Work-Study**: Students with Federal Work-Study (FWS) awards can combine community service with active learning by pursuing these jobs, many of which are in schools and social service settings.

On-Campus Interview (OCI) Program

The OCI Program enables seniors, graduate students, recent CSULA graduates, and CSULA alumni to arrange interviews with representatives of business, industry, and government agencies. The interviews take place in the Career Center and are for full-time entry-level positions. Interviews are held during the Fall and Spring quarters.

CAREER FAIRS/INFO SESSIONS

Each year over 200 employers visit the campus during Fall and Spring quarters to participate in our Career/Job Fairs, traditionally held in October and April. Company and agency representatives are interested in employing students with a variety of majors and a wide range of experiences and are eager to hire for full-time, part-time, and internship positions.

Throughout the year, various employers visit the Career Center to make presentations about their organizations. Students who are registered with Eagle iJobs will be the first to be informed about these informative sessions.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING CAREER CENTER ACCESS FOR RECENT GRADUATES

Cal State L.A. graduates are entitled to a quarter of free access to Career Center services. For example, June graduates can use our services for free for the following Summer Quarter. However, if they request access after that period, they must become a Career Center Associate, or show membership in the CSULA Alumni Association.

CAREER CENTER ASSOCIATES/ALUMNI CARD HOLDERS

Cal State L.A. graduates can continue to use our services by becoming Career Center Associates, who pay an annual fee of $25 to the Career Center. Current members of the CSULA Alumni Association are also entitled to use most Career Center services. Services include:

- Access to job listings in the Career Center and on Eagle iJobs
- Use of the Career Resource Library
- Individual appointments with a career counselor
- Participation in workshops and career information programs
- Use of computer-assisted programs
- Participation in On-Campus Interviews, limited to a space-available basis (Cal State L.A. graduates only)
- Attendance at all Career/Job Fairs

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