Students Should Start Early on Job Search

In tough economic times, it is even more important for applicants to start their job search as soon as possible. Remind students that it typically takes three to six months to secure employment—longer in a slow economy!

How should seniors start preparing for the job search?

1. Update their resume and have a career counselor critique it. Employers typically spend less than 30 seconds reviewing a resume, so it must be concise yet attractive to the eye.
2. Work with a career counselor to create a job search plan.
3. Network with people in the targeted industry. Networking is the best way of securing employment.
4. Attend the fall career fair on October 1 to get an opportunity to interact with employers.

Career Services has undergone several changes over the summer.

We moved to a more centralized location in the Busch Student Center. As part of the Student Success Center, we share Suite 331 with the Major Exploration Advising Office, Disability Services, Tutoring, and Writing. This one-stop shop is a way to collaborate to maximize the academic success of our students.

Another new change was to our jobs/internships database. We upgraded our system (due to a change of vendor) and changed the name to CareerLink.

CareerLink gives students the opportunity to apply for on-campus jobs, internships, and part- and full-time opportunities throughout the United States.

It also contains Going Global, a database housed in CareerLink that allows students to search for opportunities around the globe. For our international students, there is also a listing of national employers who employ candidates with a H1B visa.

Check out CareerLink:
Visit CareerLink through Career Services’ homepage at careers.slu.edu. Click on the Student/Alumni Access link.
Username: facultystaff@slu.edu
Password: careerservices

If you have any questions about the system, call Tyene Neal at 977-2817.

Check out our Career-Casts, featuring five-minute interviews with area professionals, interns, and alumni! Go to careers.slu.edu and listen from your computer or iPod!

Students referred to Career Services should call 977-2828 to schedule an appointment with a career counselor.

Career Services publishes this newsletter three times annually to keep faculty abreast of the latest career news. We welcome suggestions on topics for future issues or feedback on the information in this issue. Feel free to contact Kim Reitter, Director of Career Services, at reitterk@slu.edu or 977-2927.
1. We counsel all students on an individual basis.
2. Our career counselors are knowledgeable in current recruiting trends.
3. We offer career assessments and card sorts to help students learn more about themselves.
4. Students who use our services report that they are satisfied with their experience.
5. It’s never too early to learn what careers fit with their major, interest.

Faculty News from Career Services

Reasons to Refer Students to Career Services

- Help students gain self-awareness in areas such as interests, values, abilities, and personality styles.
- Connect students to resources, so that they become knowledgeable about occupations and jobs.
- Engage students in decision-making process in order to connect self with a suitable career.
- Assist students in developing internship and job search plans and securing employment.

Career Services has more than 5,000 employers in CareerLink and posted more than 7,900 jobs and 3,000 internships during FY08.

Did you know?
- The average American worker changes careers 4-7 times.
- Career Services provides free services to alumni.
- Most students are still deciding on a career path.
- Most students see a career counselor for counseling about three to five times.

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Please remind students to attend these fall events:

Fall Career Fair:
October 1, 1-5 p.m.
On-campus Recruiting Begins Oct. 6

Majors Fair:
November 5, 1-5 p.m.

Career Development Week:
November 10-14

Etiquette Dinner:
November 18, 5-7 p.m.
Call 977-2828 for details.

What Role do You Play in Students’ Success?

Faculty Mentor: Responsible for establishing academic and career plans
Career Counselor: Support students with individualized educational planning.
Academic Advisor: Encourage student strategies for academic and transitional success by:
- educating students regarding the college culture, academic requirements and options,
- engaging students in personal reflection,
- supporting students in the decision-making process,
- referring students to campus resources.

For information about mentoring students, go to the faculty page at careers.slu.edu.