Career Center
Your Career Journey…
Getting Started and Staying Focused

Career Center
New Student Orientation
Summer 2015
Why Are You Here Today?

- I want to get a job when I graduate.
- Make college pay off.
- To get into graduate school.
- So I’m headed in the right direction.
- Because I’m not sure what I want to do with my life.
Why Are WE Here Today?

“Employability is having a set of skills, knowledge, understanding and personal attributes that make a person more likely to choose, secure and retain occupations in which they can be satisfied and successful.”


University of South Carolina Employability Model

Adapted with permission from the CareerEDGE Model of Graduates Employability (Deere Pool & Sewell 2007)

Employability

Self-efficacy:
One’s belief in one’s own ability to succeed — a necessary condition for achieving goals.

Self-esteem:
One’s sense of self-worth.

Self-confidence:
One’s strength of belief in their overall capacity to succeed — a general sense of self-assurance. Self-efficacy plays an important part in determining self-confidence.

Reflection, Integration & Evaluation

Career Planning

- Develop personal career development plan
- Identify and research potential careers
- Identify required skills, knowledge, and abilities

Relationships

- Establish and maintain professional relationships
- Participate in professional development activities

Experience (Life & Work)

- Engage in volunteer or community service
- Participate in leadership roles

Academic Subject Knowledge, Skills & Understanding

- Engage in academic coursework
- Participate in research or scholarly activities

Transferrable Skills

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving

Emotional Intelligence

- Self-awareness
- Self-management

Whether or not a student finds employment can be impacted by factors both inside and outside the model (i.e., a downturn in the market, selection of major or major's career and quality of experiences gained by the student.)
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E. In my family! Don’t even think about it!
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Source: Pew Research Center
Report from 2011 Census
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
The Career Center helps students:

- **Decide It.** (Figure out what you want to do.)

- **Experience It.** (Interact in various work environments related to your career interests.)

- **Live It.** (Prepare for your post-graduate opportunities.)
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B. 33%
C. 66%
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Learn about **YOURSELF:**

- Strong Interest Inventory
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
- Values Inventory
- Focus II

Learn about the **WORLD OF WORK:**

- Externships
- Spur Connections
- Informational Interviews
- Job Shadowing
Decide It

Meet your Career Development Coaches
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Source: USC May 2014 Annual Survey of Graduates
Experience It
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• Part-time Jobs
• Externships
• Internships & Co-ops
How many full-time and internship positions were posted in the Career Center’s JobMate database in 2014?

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Live It
(Prepare for post-graduate opportunities.)

PREPARATION
• Resume & Letter Writing
• Mock Interviewing
• Job Search Strategies (Networking, Social Media)
• Employer Research
• Graduate School Planning
• Pre-Professional Advising

IMPLEMENTATION
• Information Sessions
• On-Campus Interviews
• Job Postings
• Job Fairs
So remember….

- Use us EARLY
- Use us OFTEN
- Use all your RESOURCES

- Decide it. Get INFORMED
- Experience it. Get EXPERIENCE
- Live it. Get PREPARED
QUESTIONS?
Next Steps

• Reference our handouts
• Stop by our table tomorrow for additional information
• Discuss the interactive worksheet on the way home
• Get started! Visit us during Drop-in hours every Monday-Friday from 1-4 pm during the academic year.