

CAREER EDUCATION AND SERVICES

Career Education

OCC offers a broad and diverse portfolio of cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant career and technical education certificate and degree programs that prepare students for high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers in established and emerging fields. Many degree and certificate programs can be completed in two years or less. Our CTE students are supported by knowledgeable, caring faculty and mentors from local business and industry. Career Education students are guided by a team of dedicated, specialized counselors who help students explore and land the career that's right for them. Counselors help students map out a plan to get the education and skill they need at a fraction of the cost of private institutions. Financial aid is available and applicable to career education programs. The Career Education office is located in Watson Hall, on the third floor adjacent to Counseling and the Career Center.

Check us out on the Career Advantage website: <https://orangeoastcollege.edu/academics/career-advantage/>

The Internship Academy

The Internship Academy course gives students an opportunity to earn college credits while participating in a qualifying internship position. In addition to "on the job" training and experience gained on the internship "job" site, Internship Academy students also receive guidance and mentoring from a faculty member in their chosen major field of study, and career preparation and success guidance from the internship course instructor. Together, the employment experience and mentoring enable the student to acquire the knowledge, skills, and aptitudes necessary to confidently select, enter and progress in a chosen career. The Internship Academy complies with Title 5 regulations for accredited field experience.

For more information, visit us at <https://orangeoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/internship-academy/index.html> (<https://orangeoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/internship-academy/>)

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Career Center

The Career Center offers OCC students a broad and diverse set of resources and services to help you explore and discover your best education and career path, identify and understand your strengths and interests and develop the skills that will help you reach and succeed in your career goals after college:

CAREER COUNSELING

- career/major exploration
- resume and cover-letter writing
- job/internship search
- interview preparation

CAREER SERVICES AND RESOURCES

- guest speakers
- industry panels
- career-readiness workshops

- job and internship seeking skills
- career mentoring by industry professionals

ONLINE RESOURCES, TOOLS, AND SELF-ASSESSMENTS

The Career Center staff and resources can help you browse job and internship opportunities offered by local employers (see Pirate Job Lookout below), prepare for your job or internship search, write a resume and cover letter, prepare and practice for your interview. The Career Center workshops can help you "Design Your Life," explore careers and interact with industry professionals to get the information you need to choose the path that's right for you and build a network of career professionals and mentors in local businesses who will be there for you when you're ready to launch your career.

For more information or to access workshop information, career counseling appointments and other resources directly, go to <https://orangeoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/>

Pirate Job Lookout

The Career Center hosts the "Pirate Job Lookout" online portal with listings of temporary or permanent part-time, full-time, and internship opportunities. All OCC students have full access to the portal. Take a look at <https://orangeoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/job-internship/index.html> (<https://orangeoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/job-internship/>)