

Career Readiness

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Agenda:

- Preparing Your Student to be Career Ready
- Success of JMU Graduates
- Supporting Your Student in the Transition

Preparing Your Student to be Career Ready!



Your University Career Center team can help you with:



Resumes
& Cover Letters



Interview Prep
& Practice



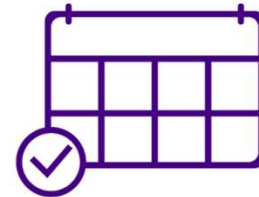
Job & Internship
Searching



Career Decision
Making



Graduate School
Preparation



Career
Appointments

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5 Ways to be #CareerReady:



1 Activate your Handshake account at jmu.joinhandshake.com



2 Schedule a career advising appointment at least once a year



3 Attend University Career Fairs every semester



4 Connect classes to potential career paths



5 Pursue work-based learning experiences, internships or volunteer work

Scan Me!





Complete Handshake Profile

- Go to jmu.joinhandshake.com
- Join at least one **career community**
- Register for career fairs, events, workshops
- Schedule career advising appointments
- Sign up for interviews
- Access & apply for job/internship opportunities



Career Communities

Career Communities are a grouping of loosely related industry and job function areas.

Join a career community and:

- Explore career paths
- Receive curated recommendations of jobs/internships
- Learn about special events related to your career community
- Know who to talk to at the University Career Fairs





Meet with a Career Advisor at least once a year

- Provides individual attention
- Career assessment opportunities
- Mock interviews
- Grad school statement review
- Resume/cover letter advice





Attend University Career Fairs every semester

Every student should

- ✓ Attend each day for 30 minutes
- ✓ Talk to 5 organizations each day

Career fairs are great ways for students to

- ✓ Practice introducing themselves
- ✓ Connect with JMU alumni
- ✓ Learn about career paths
- ✓ Find jobs & internships





UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR

Learn More:

Tue. 9/16 & Wed. 9/17 | 1 - 5pm | AUBC
150+ Employers looking for students, like YOU!



Questions? Contact: career@jmu.edu

Campus Partner Career Fairs



- **College of Integrated Science & Engineering (CISE) Career & Internship Fair:**
Tuesday 9/9 | 11am – 3pm | Festival Ballroom
- **Nurse Recruitment Day**
Thursday 9/11 | 10am - 2pm | Festival Ballroom
- **Hart School (Hospitality, Sport & Recreation Management) Career & Internship Fair:**
Wednesday 11/5 | 10am - 1pm | Festival Ballroom
- Other career fairs: **“Meet the Firms”** (COB students), **Teacher Recruitment Day**



JMU Career Closet



Monday - Friday 8am-5pm
University Career Center, SSC 3250

FREE Work Attire,
footwear, & accessories!

Select up to 5 pieces each
semester to keep!
Try things on in our
private dressing rooms.



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Connect Classes with Careers

- Relate majors, minors, general education and electives to career ideas
- Select paper and project topics related to jobs, industries, and/or career fields
- Include specifics of coursework in elevator pitch
- Apply course learning in internships & involvements
- Identify 3 things they are proud of





Pursue Work-Based Learning Experiences

Types of Work-Based Learning Experiences

- Class projects with an external partner
- Undergraduate research
- Practica
- Clinicals
- Student Teaching
- Internships





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Internships

- Provide opportunities to try out career field
- Apply learning from coursework
- Advance career competencies
- Develop a network of career contacts
- Lead to more & better opportunities
- Are often paid
- Can be for academic credit(s)



Bachelor's and Advanced-Degree Recipients

Class of 2024 Career Outcomes Overview

95.2% of Bachelor's and Advanced-Degree Recipients have a Career Outcome

Career Outcome	Bachelor's	Advanced Degree	All Graduates
Working	72.8%	92.4%	75.0%
Continuing Education	22.2%	4.3%	20.2%
Total with a Career Outcome	95.0%	96.7%	95.2%
Still Seeking (employment or education)	4.6%	3.1%	4.4%
Not Seeking (due to life event, travel, etc.)	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%
Total without a Career Outcome	5.0%	3.3%	4.8%

The data reflects knowledge of 3,482 bachelor's-degree recipients and 422 advanced-degree recipients, for a knowledge rate of 73.7%.

Bachelor's-Degree Recipients Top Employers 2024

1,658 Unique Employers



20+ Hires
Carahsoft Technology Corporation
Deloitte
Inova Health System
James Madison University
VCU Health System

13-19 Hires
Accenture Federal Services LLC
CoStar Group
Cvent, Inc.
Ernst & Young LLP
Fairfax County Public Schools
Sentara Health
UVA Health

7-12 Hires	
Amazon.com, Inc.	KPMG
Automatic Data Processing (ADP)	Loudoun County Public Schools
Bon Secours Mercy Health	Marriott International
Booz Allen Hamilton	MedStar Health
CACI International Inc	MemoryBlue
CGI Federal	Prince William County Public Schools
Compass Behavioral Solutions	Rockingham County Public Schools
Harrisonburg City Public Schools	Techtronic Industries Company Limited
HCA Healthcare	Tom James Company
Henrico County Public Schools	University of Virginia

What Makes JMU Grads Stand Out



- Teamwork
- Adaptability
- Interpersonal skills
- Ability to manage projects
- Correctly synthesize information
- Quickly learn latest technical expertise

Networks are Important

- The JMU Network is enthusiastic!
- Nearly 136,000 JMU alumni have LinkedIn Profiles
- 33% of Fall 2024 University Career Fair Recruiters were alumni
- If your organization is recruiting talent, email handshake@jmu.edu



Questions to Ask Your Student



- What Career Community newsletters are you receiving?
- Have you been to the Career Center?
- What are you learning in your classes? How does that connect with your career idea?
- How are you getting involved on campus?
- What are your plans for the summer?
- What 5 organizations will you talk to at the career fair?



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