

Tips for Families to Support your Blugold's Career Journey

Encourage your student to:

1. Utilize Handshake

Handshake is UW-Eau Claire's online career platform where students research employers, search for jobs and internships, review career event information, access career resources, and schedule a meeting with Career Services. Parents and family members cannot access Handshake; however, we recommend that you encourage your student to utilize this resource. An account is created for your student upon registration at UWEC. Students login with their UWEC credentials at uwec.joinhandshake.com.

2. Visit Career Service

Your student can make an appointment with a Career Counselor via Handshake for assistance with things like job and internship searching, resumes/cover letters, and interviewing. Career Services meets with students of all majors to assist with the career planning process.

3. Create a Resume

Career Services offers sample resumes, as well as, a Cover Letter and Resume guide on Handshake. We recommend that your student updates their resume regularly and has it reviewed by a Career Services staff member.

4. Attend Events

Career Services hosts events each semester including career fairs, mock interviews, resume reviews, and workshops. These events help students learn about career opportunities, develop career readiness skills, and gain professional connections.

5. Gain Career-Related experiences

Summer jobs, internships, community service, research, and other career-related experiences are important to your student's personal and professional development. These experiences help students confirm their career choice.

Career Services' mission is to empower students to be career ready to obtain meaningful work after graduation.

Career Services staff is available for students and alumni Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

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