

CAREER EDUCATION AND SERVICES

OCC Career Education Programs

OCC offers a broad and diverse portfolio of rigorous and innovative career and technical education certificate and degree programs to prepare students for entry or advancement in high-wage careers in healthcare, industrial technology and trades, digital and commercial art, business, IT, interior and fashion design, and more. Many degree and certificate programs can be completed in two years or less. Some programs offer short-term job training that lead directly to entry-level jobs. Counselors help students map out a plan to get the education and skill they need in the minimum amount of time. OCC Career Education programs can be completed at a fraction of the cost of similar training at private and for-profit institutions. 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 OCC Career Advantage website: <https://orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/career-advantage/>

OCC Career Center

The OCC Career Center offers a broad and diverse set of online and in-person resources and services to help OCC students find and enter the path to career success:

- **Career Launch** program to develop your skills to find and land the internship or job you really want
- **Career Mentors** program to connect one-on-one with professionals and get personal guidance about your career path
- **Career Readiness Workshops** to help you build your confidence, understand and develop the skills you need to be truly career ready
- **Career Counseling** to help you explore majors and careers, formulate a plan, and prepare to get the job when the time is right
- **Job Placement Assistance** to connect directly to exclusive OCC employer partners with open positions

For more information or to access links to register for workshops or other resources, go to <https://orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/>

Internship and Work Experience

An internship is a short-term job experience that gives you the opportunity to gain entry-level exposure and learn "on the job" about a particular industry or career field. Interns make industry connections, develop their career-readiness skills and knowledge, and build a professional network that can provide an on-ramp to full-time jobs in the future. Internships can be either paid or unpaid. Students can also earn course credit for internships through the OCC **Internship Experience class**.

Students who enroll in the **Internship Experience class** not only get course credit but also benefit from personal guidance and mentoring provided by a faculty member "expert" in that field and career preparation guidance from the internship course instructor. The Internship Academy complies with Title 5 regulations for accredited field experience.

For more information about finding or serving in an internship, contact Kyle Slocum, Director of Work-Based Learning at kyslocum1@cccd.edu.

For details about the Internship Experience class, visit us at: <https://orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/internship-experience/>

Online Job and Internship Posting

The Career Center hosts **Handshake**, the online portal and career network resource with listings of thousands of jobs - temporary or permanent part-time and full-time--and internship opportunities. All OCC students have full access to the Handshake resources and services. Take a look: <https://orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/career-center/job-internship/index.html>