CSUN CareerLink

*Connect your Education to your Future*
(https://www.csun.edu/careerlink/)

The CSUN Career Center ([http://csun.edu/career](http://csun.edu/career)) provides career services for self-assessment, career exploration and advising. The EY Center for Careers also assists students and alumni with the self-assessment and career exploration process, and the EY Center for Careers provides additional tools for recruiting and job search for accounting, IS and CIT students and alumni.

The CSUN Career Center offers an integrated self-assessment and career exploration program called CareerLink - [https://www.csun.edu/careerlink/](https://www.csun.edu/careerlink/) - below is an overview of what CareerLink has to offer.

**CSUN Career Center CareerLink Resources:**
Each section starts with a short video that introduces the resources available in that section.

1. **Self-knowledge** - Identify your interests (activities you will enjoy doing in work), and apply what you learn to make meaningful decisions.
      - Go to [https://www.csun.edu/careerlink/](https://www.csun.edu/careerlink/)
      - Click on Self-Knowledge; log in; then, select O*Net Interest Profiler to begin
      - Only 30 questions (evaluate your level of interest in performing work activities) - takes 12 to 15 minutes
      - Generates a scoring for each of 6 Interest categories that will map to career options (see next section)
      - To further explore career options using the Interest Profiler results:
        - Go to the O*NET website - [https://www.onetonline.org/](https://www.onetonline.org/)
        - Under “Advanced Search”, (under Browse by O*Net data) select Interests and click on the arrow
        - Select the Interest category with which you had the highest score with the Interest Profiler
        - Then, add the other two Interest categories above (for 2nd and 3rd), and click “Go”
        - You can now filter by Job Zone (4 = Bachelors degree; 5 = Advanced degree and/or Experience)
        - You can also change the order of the 3 highest Interest categories and generate new results
        - Click on an Occupation to learn more
   b. **Strengths Application** - 34 strengths are clustered in 4 domains [Strategic Thinking, Influencing, Executing, Relationship Building] - we like to utilize our strengths to feel competent and confident.
   c. **Career Counseling** - review of your self-assessments to use when exploring career options.
   d. **Decision Making Steps** - how to navigate the career exploration process.
   e. **How Do I Choose a Major?**
      - [https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/accounting/](https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/accounting/)
      - [https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/management-information-systems/](https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/management-information-systems/)
      - [https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/computer-science/](https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/computer-science/)
   f. **Using Assessment Tools in Your Career Decision Making** (article).
2. **Career Readiness** - Make decisions and build professional skills.
   a. Career Readiness - Are You Career Ready?
   b. Internship Experience
   c. Lynda.com (online training courses)
**Key Skills** (i.e., Leadership, Teamwork, Communication, etc.) - definitions

3. **Academic Programs** - Learn about your academic options and how to make the most of your time at CSUN.
   a. University Catalog
   b. What Can I Do With This Major? (see links above)
   c. Academic Advising at CSUN
   d. General Education paths
   e. Degree Planning Tools
   f. How to Change your Major or Minor Tutorial

4. **Career Profiles** - Expand your knowledge of career options and the world of work through valuable resources.
   a. What Can I Do With This Major? (see links above and below) Connect your major with career fields and learn about employers and strategies to make you a marketable candidate.
   b. CandidCareer.com - 11 videos with advice and perspectives from various professionals
   d. “How to Make a Career Choice” and other articles and resources are available.
   e. Career Counseling at the CSUN Career Center (and at the EY Center)

5. **Specialized Advice & Resources** (based on class level and community affiliations) - Find career and academic resources specifically for you.

6. **Graduate School** - Research programs, prepare for the application process, and learn about funding options.

7. **Jobs and Real World Experience** - Discover jobs, internships, and other fulfilling opportunities to apply your knowledge and interests in the real world.
   a. Handshake - [http://csun.joinhandshake.com](http://csun.joinhandshake.com)
   b. Pathways Jobs and Real World Experience Database
   c. Buzzfile - search for employers by major, location and industry (free company database).
   d. Uniworld - search for multi-national companies.
   e. GoinGlobal - search for international opportunities.
   f. Research/Teaching/Volunteer Opportunities, Study Abroad, Internships/Fellowships, Job Shadowing

**Additional Links:**

1. **Declaring your Major** - Discover what you can study at CSUN and where it may lead you. The websites included in the links section provide additional information about each major and the occupations commonly associated with it. Use the search feature to find majors that include a particular subject (see links above).

2. **Internships and Jobs Wanted** - Gain experience through involvement in or exposure to the careers related to your major. Browse through the internship and job listings available in Pathways.
EY Center for Careers (http://csun.edu/acctis/ey-center) Career Exploration Resources:

1. **Orientation Guide** - overview of the EY Center, recruiting process and various resources
2. **Career Success Roadmap** - step-by-step guide (more brief than the Career Planning Guide) to the career exploration process; includes questions to consider when comparing industries (public, private, consulting, government), employers and career options
4. **Career Values Self-Assessment** - values are the motivators for why you work; we each have several core values that need to be met in a work situation to be satisfied over the long-term.
5. **Donald Super’s Life Career Rainbow** - what are the 8 life roles, various life stages and how our roles change, and how do balance these roles throughout our career
6. **LinkedIn Guide** - how to set up and improve your profile, build a quality network, and use LinkedIn to find CSUN alumni and other professionals in roles and employers of interest.
7. **Networking Guide and Coffee Chat Guide** - understand the basics of networking and how to plan and execute a successful “coffee chat” with professionals.

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