

## **Career Development Mission Statement**

As campus partners in developing leaders in a global community, Career Development staff are committed to providing an individualized yet highly integrated approach to our students. Through quality assistance, dynamic programming and up-to-date resources we prepare students professionally, intellectually, and ethically for securing fulfilling postgraduation opportunities where they can experience success, significance and service.

Specifically, Career Development staff are committed to:

- Foster and guide student's early involvement in their career planning and development through helping them identify their skills, values and interests and clarifying occupational fields that match these traits.
- Build industry partner, community, alumni and campus partnerships to create a wide variety of career/internship opportunities on a state, national and international level.
- Provide students with access and individual assistance to secure local, national and international job/internship opportunities to meet their diverse and changing needs.
- Assist students with the process of applying to graduate and professional programs that will fulfill their career goals
- Encourage experiential learning through extending student learning beyond the traditional classroom setting into professional work environments where students are encouraged to expand their knowledge, learn from experts in the field, and apply and evaluate academic theory.
- Teach students professional skills and job searching competencies that are necessary to secure and effectively transition to the competitive positions in today's market.
- Empower students to take personal responsibility for becoming lifelong learners who can successfully manage their careers over a lifetime.