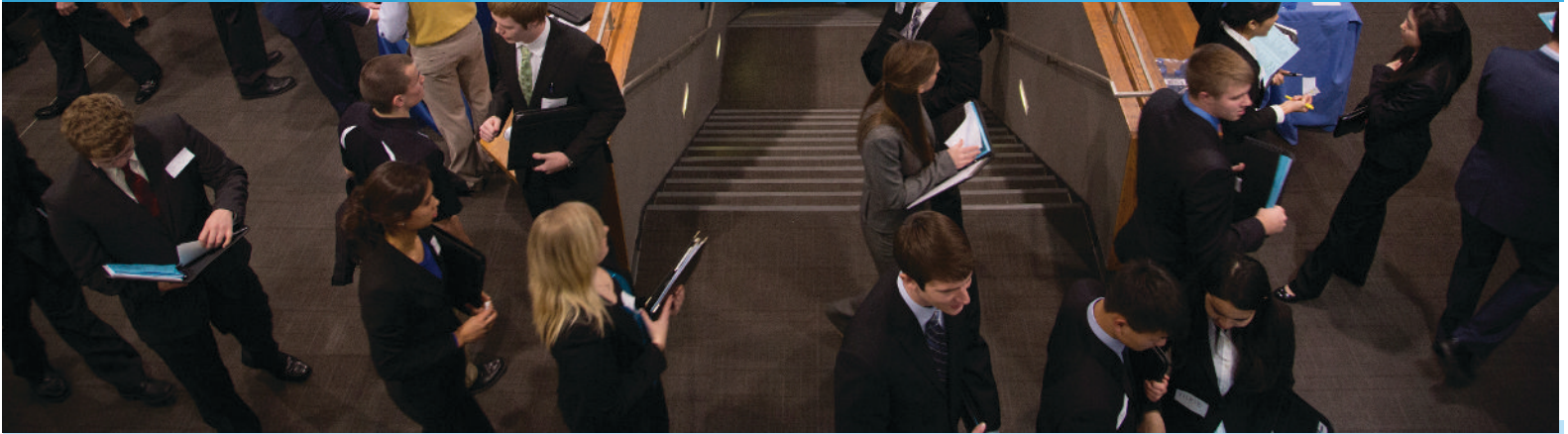


# Career Services



Whether you want to gain experience in your field, create job search strategies, or get admitted to the graduate/professional school of your choice, Drake's Career Services provides the help you need. Career development begins your first year of college and builds with each internship, research study, service project, or part-time job. With locations across campus, Career Services is tailored to Drake's individual colleges and schools to help you define your career aspirations and reach your professional goals.

**Explore Your Options** As a Drake student, you will complete rigorous coursework and projects that span various disciplines and bring experience in multiple professions. So, how do you narrow the possibilities?

Career Services has many tools to assist with career exploration. For example, career assessments are used to gather information to make career suggestions based on your interests, skills, and values.

In addition, Career Services offers counseling to explore the careers available within your areas of study.

**Meet Potential Employers** Career Services hosts an all-University career fair each spring. Representatives from a multitude of businesses and graduate schools visit campus to meet Drake students. Depending on your major, targeted career fairs might also benefit you. Fairs are held at various times throughout the year for students pursuing degrees in pharmacy, actuarial science, accounting, finance, or government.

**Gain Experience** As a Drake student, you can gain practical experiences through service-learning and internships that complement the courses you are taking. These offerings help you prepare for prospective employment by giving you an idea of how the workplace operates and also provide you with a competitive edge when seeking employment. If you are interested in developing internship experiences, Career Services can help.

**Continue Your Education** If you've made the decision to attend graduate or professional school, Career Services can guide you in researching the program and school of your choice. Services include assisting with self-assessments, applications, references, and personal statement development.

**Form a Strategy** Career Services offers the following services that you can take advantage of at any point in your academic career:

### **Networking**

Career Services works with the alumni office and employers within the community to provide you with a network of mentors in your chosen field or in a particular geographical area.

### **Handshake**

Handshake is a comprehensive career management system that provides job postings, an online job application process, and mentoring functions.

### **Résumé/Cover Letter Development**

Résumés and cover letters are not one-size-fits-all. Career Services will assist you in developing a résumé and cover letter unique to you and geared toward your chosen field.

### **Mock Interviews**

Mock job interviews can be scheduled with Career Services staff and/or individuals from the community. In addition, mock graduate school interviews are available.

### **Job Search Techniques**

Career Services will coach you in job search techniques specific to your chosen field.

### **Portfolio Development**

Career Services will assist as you develop a portfolio. By working alongside academic departments throughout the process, you will present yourself at your best.

### **Individual Appointments**

Career Services staff are available for individual appointments to cover any of the outlined

## BY THE NUMBERS

Nearly all Drake graduates (**97.3%** in 2023) find career employment or enter graduate school within six months of receiving their degrees.

Approximately **275** organizations recruit on Drake's campus during the academic year. Drake students participate in mock interviews, résumé workshops, and multiple career fairs to connect with local and national employers.

Nearly **93%** (Accomplishment Survey 2023) of students complete an internship or other practical experience related to their major during their Drake career. The Greater Des Moines community offers many exciting and valuable job opportunities to our students.

*U.S. News & World Report* has repeatedly acknowledged Drake as one of "America's Best Colleges."

**Alumni Success** Drake's more than 74,000 alumni have all kinds of interesting careers:

- **John August**, scriptwriter (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Big Fish*, *Corpse Bride*)
- **George Cohon**, founder and senior chairman, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited and McDonald's Russia
- **Michael Emerson**, Emmy-winning actor with starring or recurring roles on the television shows *Person of Interest*, *Lost*, and *The Practice*
- **Zach Johnson**, professional golfer on the PGA Tour and 2007 Masters Tournament champion
- **Ron McMullen**, former United States ambassador, Eritrea, Africa
- **Franny Starkey Sanguin**, former director of scheduling and advance for First Lady Michelle Obama

Drake alumni live and work worldwide. In the U.S., the biggest concentrations of Bulldogs are located in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, California, Missouri, Colorado, and Arizona.

The largest donation in Drake's history was made by Dwight D. Opperman, a Drake Law School graduate and retired chief executive officer of West Publishing Company. The amount: **\$50 million**.

More than **20,000** Drake alumni live and work in the Greater Des Moines area, enhancing career connections and internship opportunities for Drake students.

Follow **@DrakeCareer** on Instagram for career information & job and internship opportunities.

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