

# KU University Career Center Frequently Asked Questions

*Career exploration is a journey.  
Help your student take their next step today.*

## **When is the right time to start career planning?**

As early as possible. Your student is encouraged to visit the UCC for a resume review, interview preparation, job-search troubleshooting, or to address any other career concern. Students can also connect with future employers at our career events.

## **What if my student has no idea what to major in?**

We have resources that can help. In individual appointments, a career coach can help your student identify skills and interest areas. A variety of career assessments can also guide your student in the selection process ([career.ku.edu/assessments](http://career.ku.edu/assessments)). Another great option for freshman and sophomores is PRE 210: Career and Life Planning.

## **Should my student work their first semester?**

Many KU students are able to work part-time while going to school. Nationwide, 78% of undergraduates work while enrolled in classes. If your student previously held a job while in school, it's likely that a part-time job could be a nice compliment to their academic experience. Sometimes, students choose to get a feel for their course load before taking on a part-time job. Most students work an average of 15 hours per week.

## **How do students find part-time jobs?**

Check out our part-time job resources at [career.ku.edu/ptjobs](http://career.ku.edu/ptjobs). The UCC will be hosting a Part-Time Job Fair on Monday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kansas Union. The Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, September 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kansas Union is another great way students can get involved in the Lawrence and KU communities.

## **Should my student complete an internship?**

Yes! Based upon our most current destination survey data, students with internships are more likely to obtain full-time employment upon graduation. Internships provide a way for students to apply classroom knowledge to solve practical problems. Each year, employers post over 1,500 internship opportunities for KU students specifically through our online database, KU Career Connections. In addition, there are up to 40,000 postings through our external search engines and resources.