Career Development Center Quick Facts

GENERAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Summary Statement: The Career Development Center (CDC) serves Loyola students* and alumni, including Mundelein and John Felice Rome Center alumni/attendees via traditional career services plus career assessment, career courses, job search advising, pre-health advising, career mentoring, pre-law advising, student employment, Federal work-study, and Community-based Federal work-study. We play an active role in facilitating contacts with employers, as well as providing students and alumni with access to job and internship opportunities. Working collaboratively with the individual, our objective is to create career readiness through a combination of wrap around services which include advising, courses, workshops, and research.

Services Include:

- **RamblerLink**: Loyola’s free, online, national database of jobs and internships as well as campus employment, work-study jobs, and volunteer positions; utilization requires first resume approval;
- **Advising**: General career, major/minor selection, graduate school, pre-law, and health profession school preparation; free for life; offered in person at both the Water Tower and Lake Shore campuses as well as via email and Skype; students may choose between scheduled appointments or “express” walk-in advising;
- **Career Support Technology**: We use apps, multiple databases, Skype advising, on-demand videos, and on-line assessments;
- **LUConnect**: A free, web-based, life-long Alumni & Student Career Mentoring Program;
- **Referrals & Reciprocity**: Students may have access to other Jesuit university resources with a referral from the CDC.

Career Outcomes:**

- 88% of graduates were employed 3 months after graduation
- 98% of graduates were either employed or pursuing a graduate education after 3 months
- 70% or more Loyola graduates remained in the state of Illinois
- 44% of Loyola graduates were employed before graduation
- Average monthly median income increased continuously each quarter after graduation
- Income increased 3-4 times after one year, and an additional 33.7% in the second year. (During the same time period, the Illinois workforce average income increased by only 3.7%)
- Graduates with a higher cumulative GPA were found to have higher average median incomes
SPECIALIZED CAREER SERVICES

PRE-HEALTH ADVISING

Summary Statement: Pre-Health Advisors in the Career Development Center offer assistance to Loyola’s undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students interested in pursuing health professional careers. For those students with only beginning interests in health professional careers to those who want guidance and information on how to further build their candidacies for specific health professional careers, meeting with a Pre-Health Advisor is the place to start.

Services Include:

- **Advising:** Offered at the Lake Shore campus; students may choose between scheduled appointments or “express” walk-in advising; can be used in addition to standard career advising;
- **Early Assurance Program (EAP):** Loyola University Chicago and Loyola’s Stritch School of Medicine (SSOM) program which allows Loyola’s undergraduate students to be considered early for admission to SSOM;
- **The Pre-Health Award:** A monetary award distributed to a small number of highly accomplished pre-health juniors or seniors annually;
- **Programming & Contacts:** A database of area hospitals and clinics is available to help students coordinate volunteer opportunities; in collaboration with pre-health oriented student groups, the CDC Pre-Health Advisers host guest speakers on campus who offer specialized knowledge in areas such as health professional school admissions, academic and experiential opportunities, and current issues in health care;
- **Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee (PHPAC):** A selective committee that guides and advises Loyola students and alumni to evaluate and assist them on their application to health professional schools.

Outcomes:

- Overall acceptance rate for students and alumni who applied to health professional schools for the 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 years of admission through this committee is +70%

PRE-LAW ADVISING

Summary Statement: Pre-Law advising in the Career Development Center provides information and guidance to Loyola students and alumni who are considering a legal career and applying to law school.

Services Include:

- **Advising:** Offered in person at the Lake Shore campus; can be used in addition to standard career advising;
- **Information Sessions:** Law school admissions information sessions are offered throughout each year;
- **Programming:** Fairs, expert panels, and campus visits by law school admissions personnel hosted on campus annually;
- **e-Newsletter:** Frequent updates about local law school-related career events and activities available in this eDigest.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT & WORK-STUDY

Summary Statement: Student Employment is part of career services at Loyola Chicago because it is viewed as an opportunity to build skills and begin crafting a competitive resume. Student Employment at Loyola includes on-campus positions, work-study positions, and a large community-based work-study program. Students interested in a part-time job via this program must have their resume critiqued after submission to RamblerLink and then apply to positions in a process that mirrors post-graduate job searching. Student Employment is for all undergraduate and graduate students as well as Arrupe students.
INTERNSHIPS

**Summary Statement:** Most undergraduate majors have a required academic internship which includes an internship course to be taken at the SAME TIME as the internship. It is generally NOT recommended that first-time, traditional-age freshmen attempt an internship. The CDC provides hundreds of vetted internship postings on the RamblerLink Job Board System.

UNIQUE POPULATION SUPPORT

**Summary Statement:** The CDC staff is familiar with the challenges faced by student athletes, first generation college attendees, mid-life career changes, etc. as our staff includes people who are first generation, dual-language speakers, former NCAA athletes, etc. While providing the same range of services, the CDC makes special arrangements and service provisions to support the unique needs of students who are also athletes, work full time, transfers, etc. As an example, advising and career assessments can be delivered in a variety of locations and formats.

NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL & ONLINE SERVICES

- Loyola University Chicago students have access to various career services at other Jesuit Colleges & Universities across the United States. Access to these services are available with a referral from the CDC.
- The CDC uses Skype to provide distance advising to students and alumni located outside of the Chicago area. Appointments are free and scheduled in advance in order coordinate with time zone differentiation.
- A video tutorial series if available on numerous topics for anyone who wants more information but does not want to meet with an advisor.
- The CDC uses Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram to communicate our job postings, services, and special event.

* Non-business/Quinlan & non-law school students and alumni only. Law and business provide their own career services.

** Source: IRS Data representing 70% of graduates from 2008-2012. Data represents an aggregate of programs and majors. Data does not serve as an indicator of future outcomes data.
Top Employers recruiting Loyola talent include: