

10 Career FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) For Family Members



1. Who should use the Career Center?

- ALL DU students and alumni are welcome. We recommend that students start as early as their first year and utilize the services throughout their time as a student. We also offer services to alumni.

2. What does the Career Center do?

- Services include career counseling, career assessments, help with selecting a major, assistance with resumes and cover letters, interviewing tips, career and internship fairs, on-campus interviews for jobs and internships, resources for finding employers of interest and negotiating a job offer and/or salary.
- From our website at www.du.edu/career, go to Career Links for thousands of career-related web resources including researching employers and locating jobs. Registering with DU Careers Online allows access to our extensive job, internship and employer databases. Your own family and business contacts can also be great networking resources.
- It is never too early for students to start planning for their careers! Families should encourage students to explore career options, conduct informational interviews, seek internships and become involved in extracurricular activities early in their programs.

3. Where is the Career Center located?

- It is located in the Driscoll Student Center South, lower level in Suite 30 (below the DU Bookstore).

4. What does it cost?

- For current students all services are free except for career assessments (\$25 each). The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Strong Interest Inventory help students explore their personality characteristics and strengths as well as tie their interests to career fields and majors. CareerLeader measures interests, abilities and motivations related to business careers. It includes detailed descriptions of more than 20 business career paths, ways to evaluate corporate culture, and next steps including interviewing tips.

5. When should a student visit the Career Center?

- We encourage students to visit during their first year and to continue to utilize our services as often as needed. Since we provide employment/internship contacts, maintain information on employers, online resources and resume/cover letter preparation and networking skills, it is never too early to get started.

6. Do you have a timeline that students should follow?

- Yes! The Career Planning Calendar can be found at www.du.edu/career/handouts/handouts2.html or in hard copy form at the Career Center.

7. How can a student schedule an appointment with a career counselor?

- Call the Career Center at (303) 871-2150 or visit in person.

8. How can I help my student?

- Listen
- Ask open-minded questions
- Avoid judging or jumping to conclusions
- Encourage students to utilize the Career Center's resources online and on-site, through individual counseling appointments and attending career fairs. It is also important for students to register with DU Careers Online (www.du.edu/career) so the Career Center can communicate pertinent information.

9. What if a student is undecided on a major?

- Encourage the student to explore options by taking the assessments, as well as by visiting with representatives from academic departments to explore majors. Academic advising (303-871-2455) can also be helpful for specifics on majors and minors. In addition to Career Center services, encourage the student to explore part time jobs, on and off campus activities of interest and volunteer experiences.

10. What other resources are available?

- Academic advising (<http://www.du.edu/car/>)
- Join the Parents Association through the Office of Parent Relations (<http://www.parents.du.edu/main.asp>)
- Handouts about various majors (<http://www.du.edu/registrar/general/degrees.html>)
- Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (<http://www.du.edu/engage/index.htm>)