

CPaRC Overview

The Career Planning and Resource Center or CPaRC (“see-park”) supports students and alumni from before freshman year to well after graduation.

1. I don't know what major to choose or what I want to do with my life. How can I get started?
 - CPaRC suggests taking some [self-assessments](#) to narrow things down and then making an [appointment](#) to talk with a career advisor.
 - You might also consider joining a [student organization](#) or [volunteering](#) in an area that interests you. Check out the possibilities, you will definitely find something that meets your interests.
2. OK, so I know what I want to do with my life, how do I connect that to a major?
 - The career advisor will help you make those connections, and you can also learn more about your chosen career by doing some [research](#).
3. I need a job! What can I find between classes to make life easier on me?
 - Get an [on-campus job](#)! Tons of benefits and lots of them start at \$9-10 an hour or more. Find jobs and beef up your profile on [Handshake](#)
 - Wait! You might need a resume for that on-campus job! Get started on one [here](#) and have a career advisor give you tips on making it great with an [appointment](#).
4. I live off-campus and schedule my classes so have time to work more hours on no-class days. Where can I find support with an off-campus job?
 - [Handshake](#) is the place to go to see all the opportunities available. Employers who post with us are specifically looking for college students because they know the value you provide.
5. My advisor is telling me I need to find an [internship](#). What's that and how do I find one?
 - First, go to [Handshake](#), because there's tons listed. If you need help figuring out how to search, make an [appointment](#) or just ask.
 - Searching by your major won't help much. You need to put your skills and responsibility interests in the search bar – like research or writing or data analysis.
 - Finally, use a CPaRC [appointment](#) for resume review or in-person interview prep. Did you know CPaRC also has a great online virtual [interview tool](#)?
6. I checked out the website and did all that, but I can't afford new interview clothes. What am I supposed to do?
 - CPaRC has a free [Career Closet](#) where you can pick up something that will make you look ready to go for that interview. And if they do not have anything that works for you, there's a listing of other free career closets in the area.
7. I am hearing all about the Diversity Fair and the Fall Career Fair. I guess I should go, but I do not know how to get ready.
 - CPaRC's got your back on this one too. You can make an [appointment](#) to talk about it or check out their [career fair page](#). It includes videos and step-by-step preparation and registration information for the virtual fairs.
 - Also, consider attending the smaller employer information sessions and resume checks done by employers interested in supporting students. These small programs can help you prepare for the bigger fairs AND for networking and interviews.