

Career Center for Vocation and Development

*“A comprehensive approach
to academic and career planning.”*

Vision:

To integrate Christian principles and career development within the context of vocation.

Mission:

To assist students in discerning and pursuing meaningful careers which demonstrate a mature integration of faith and lifelong learning.

We know it's confusing. Students want to integrate faith, academic and career planning, but they aren't sure where to begin. They're concerned about service and study abroad, but wonder if they'll have time to fit meaningful experiences into their schedule.

To help students plan academic and related experiences, the Career Center works collaboratively with other External Programs offices to provide a comprehensive program for all disciplines and for all class years

To help students understand that it is possible to integrate academic, career, and service opportunities into their college experience, we have developed a first-year through senior-year plan. **This is simply a framework, offering guidelines for students to consider. Students may apply to or pursue many of these programs *after* their first year.** However, the ideal approach is to begin early so that students can work with their advisors and our staff to enrich their Messiah experience.

For more information, or copies of the four-year checklist, contact the Career Center.

- **Open Position** Director, Career Center
- **Christy Hanson** Interim Co-Director, Assistant Director & Coordinator of Graduate School Services
- **Dwayne Keiffer** Interim Co-Director, Assistant Director & Coordinator of Recruitment Services
- **Therese Hechman** Assistant to the Career Center
- **Michael Blount** Coordinator, Internship Center & Alumni Career Services
- **Joy Fea** Part-Time Career Counselor

Location: Eisenhower Campus Center across from the Falcon Express

Phone: Extension 6016

E-mail: career@messiah.edu

Web: www.messiah.edu/offices/career

Checklist for First-Year Students

“Who am I?” and “What are my interests, skills, abilities, and values?”

During your first year at Messiah, the Career Center, located in Eisenhower Campus Center, is a great place to begin exploring your interests, skills, abilities, and values. Whatever you do, don't fall for the assumption that you have to have it all figured out when you come to college. Find out what majors and career fields might be a good fit for your interests, abilities, and values. Start early, and visit us as often as necessary! Here are resources available to you during your first year.

One-on-One Career Counseling Session

Talk with one of our career counselors about where you are and what you'd like to explore.

Assessment Inventories

We offer a variety of free assessment inventories to help you determine your interests, abilities, and personality preferences. Results from these inventories are interpreted by a counselor and used to identify possible career fields. Take time to check out, My Plan (<http://messiah.myplan.com>)!

“What can I do with a major in?” Sheets

These informational sheets will give you a broad overview of what you can do with a particular major. We also provide brochures designed for each major which include career-related resources.

Snapshots of Vocation

Wondering what Messiah alumni are doing since graduation? Catch a glimpse of the possibilities by checking out alumni stories on our website: www.messiah.edu/offices/career.

Alumni Career Network

Get first-hand advice about a career field of interest by talking with a Messiah alumnus who is currently working in that field! For information on how to get connected, check out the Career Center website.

Career Center Resource Library

Check out books to explore occupations and career fields related to specific majors.

Career Center Website

For information on our services, upcoming events, career-related resources, and more, browse through our website: www.messiah.edu/offices/career.

CAREER CENTER
for Vocation & Development
Eisenhower Campus Center
691.6016 or ext. 6016
career@messiah.edu
M-F, 8 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Evening & drop-in hours posted each semester

Checklist for Sophomores

Continue to explore who you are, possible majors, and careers...

During your second year at Messiah, the Career Center is a place to continue exploring your interests, possible majors, and career fields. Take time to gather information about interesting occupations or opportunities for experience. Sort through the possibilities. Don't know where to start? Let us help you! Gathering information is an important step toward informed decision making for your future. Here are some resources available to you as a sophomore:

- One-on-One Career Counseling Session**
Where are you in the process of exploring your options? We'll help you gather information and explore your options.
- Assessment Inventories: Narrow down your choices**
We offer a variety of free assessment inventories to help you determine your interests, abilities, and personality preferences. Results from these inventories are interpreted by a counselor and matched with possible career fields. Ask us how to get connected with our newest addition, My Plan (<http://messiah.myplan.com>)!
- “What can I do with a major in?” Sheets**
These informational sheets will give you a broad overview of what you can do with a particular major. We also provide brochures designed for each major which include career-related resources.
- Snapshots of Vocation**
Wondering what Messiah alumni are doing since graduation? Catch a glimpse of the possibilities by checking out alumni stories on our website: www.messiah.edu/offices/career.
- Alumni Career Network**
Connect with a Messiah alum to learn more about a career field of interest. For info on how to get connected, check out the Career Center's website.
- Career Center Resource Library**
Check out books to explore occupations and career fields related to specific majors.
- Career Center Website**
For information on our services, upcoming events, career-related resources, and more, browse through our website: www.messiah.edu/offices/career.

CAREER CENTER
for Vocation & Development

Eisenhower Campus Center
691.6016 or ext. 6016
career@messiah.edu
M-F, 8 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Evening & drop-in hours posted

Checklist for Juniors

Learn from EXPERIENCE

As a Junior, the Career Center is here to help you gain meaningful experience and create a preliminary plan for your future. What can you do NOW to prepare for life after graduation? Gaining experience will either confirm your career interests or encourage you to explore other possibilities. Get a head start and begin building your network of people and places. Here are some resources available to you as a Junior:

- One-on-One Career Counseling Session**
Talk with a counselor about opportunities to test out your interests and develop your strengths.
- Assessment Inventories: Narrow down your choices**
We offer a variety of free assessment inventories to help you determine your interests, abilities, and personality preferences. Results from these inventories are interpreted by a counselor and used to identify potential career fields. Ask us how to get connected with our newest addition, My Plan (<http://messiah.myplan.com>)!
- On-campus Resources for Off-campus Experience**
To gain meaningful experiences, we can connect you with the Internship Center, EpiCenter, and Agapé Center.
- Graduate School Preparation & Resources**
If graduate school is a possibility for your future, now is the time to begin doing some serious research. Let us help you explore this option and the application process.
- Alumni Career Network**
Connect with a Messiah alum to learn more about a career field you might like to pursue. Just fill out a simple form, and we'll instruct you on how to make the connection.
- Career Center Resource Library**
Check out books to explore occupations and career fields related to specific majors.
- Career Center Website**
For information on our services, upcoming events, career-related resources, and more, browse through our website: www.messiah.edu/offices/career.

CAREER CENTER
for Vocation & Development
Eisenhower Campus Center
691.6016 or ext. 6016
career@messiah.edu
M-F, 8 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Evening & drop-in hours posted each semester

Checklist for Seniors

You've made it! Congrats... Now GET CONNECTED!

You may be feeling excited, overwhelmed, or anxious about life after Messiah College. That's completely natural! What's in sight for you after graduation? Employment? Grad school? Missions? Whatever your plan, let the Career Center help you explore your options and sort through your goals as you prepare for this transition. Here is a checklist of resources to guide you through your Senior year:

One-on-One Career Counseling Session

Talk with a counselor about your next steps. Connect with resources related to your vocation – everything from employment to grad school.

eRecruiting: <http://messiah.erecruiting.com>

Create an account and search through a wide variety of job postings. After you have your resume critiqued by one of our counselors, upload and post it in an eRecruiting Resume Book for employers to view.

Career & Graduate School Expo

Watch for details on these important events! Our Career & Grad School Expo event is a great, convenient place to meet several recruiters at one time, and in one location. Contact the Career Center for a complete list of our upcoming fairs both on- and off-campus.

Career Center Workshops & Programs

In an attempt to meet your professional development needs, we offer workshops and programs on a variety of hot topics, such as resumes/cover letters, interviewing, job hunting, grad school, and more! Look for programs designed just for Seniors!

Alumni Career Network

Connect with a Messiah alum to learn more about a career field you might like to pursue. Just fill out a simple form, and we'll instruct you on how to make the connection.

Resume Review & Practice Interview Services

Take advantage of these free resources as many times as needed!

Career Center Library and Website Resources

For information on our services, upcoming events, career-related resources, and more, browse through our website: www.messiah.edu/offices/career.

CAREER CENTER
for Vocation & Development
Eisenhower Campus Center
691.6016 or ext. 6016
career@messiah.edu
M-F, 8 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Evening & drop-in hours posted each semester