

Career Corner

Helping students and the community with career choices.

All services are available to students and the community at no charge!

Locations & Office Hours

Valencia Campus

26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Student Center, Room-123

Monday	10am - 7pm
Tuesday	10am - 7pm
Wednesday	10am - 7pm
Thursday	10am - 7pm
Friday	CLOSED

Canyon Country Campus

17200 Sierra Highway
Canyon Country, CA 91387
Quad 1, Bldg B, Rm-110

Wednesday 10am - 2pm

Contact Information

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www.canyons.edu/careercenter



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Careers-on-the-Go Workshops a Big Hit

A new series of workshops has hit the campus that focuses on several fast-growing career areas. Called Careers-on-the-Go, these workshops highlight a specific career area by bringing in industry professionals to explain what they do in their daily work, what training and preparation is needed to get to their position, and what it takes to be successful. Faculty also explain how their related program plays an important part in starting a career in the highlighted area. In addition to receiving valuable information, there is plenty of time to get your questions answered by the visiting professionals. The first workshop was on careers in the Automotive Industry. More than 30 students and community members crowded a room at the Canyon Country Campus and listened to representatives from Galpin Motors and from Chip's Brake & Muffler. There will be three more workshops this semester focusing on careers in the Solar (10/19), Water (11/09) and Plumbing (11/29) industries. All three will be held at the Canyon Country Campus Applied Technologies Building. Please RSVP to (661) 362-3253.



Chip Reeves (right), Owner of Chip's Brake & Muffler, speaks to students at the first Careers-on-the-Go workshop.

Upcoming Events

October 19 - MajorQuest, 11am-2pm (between Student Center and A-Building)
Explore majors by speaking with faculty. Declare a major today!

October 20 - Special Workshop "Contract Management as a Career" Noon-1pm (Student Center, Private Dining Room #2). RSVP to 362-3286.
Learn what contract management is all about. Career options and required training. Maybe it's for you!

Workshop Schedule

Join us for our
"How to..." series:

How to Prepare for an Interview

Date: Tues., Oct. 11, 2011
Time: Noon - 1pm & 6pm - 7pm
Location: STCN-PDR#3

How to Conduct Effective Salary Negotiations

Date: Tues., Oct. 25, 2011
Time: Noon - 1pm & 6pm - 7pm
Location: STCN-PDR#3

How to Create an Effective Resume

Date: Wed., Nov. 2, 2011
Time: Noon - 1pm & 6pm - 7pm
Location: STCN-PDR#3

How to Conduct a Productive Job Search

Date: Tues., Nov. 8, 2011
Time: Noon - 1pm & 6pm - 7pm
Location: STCN-PDR#3

How to Explore Careers with Discover

Date: Tues., Nov. 22, 2011
Time: Noon - 1pm & 6pm - 7pm
Location: STCN-PDR#3

How to Identify Your Skills

Date: Wed., Nov. 30, 2011
Time: Noon - 1pm & 6pm - 7pm
Location: STCN-PDR#3

STCN = Student Center

- Open to the public
- No charge
- Limited seating
- First come, first served

Questions: 661-362-3286

Occupations with Fastest Job Growth (% change) in L.A. County

1. Biomedical Engineers	82.4%
2. Biochemists and Biophysicists	47.5%
3. Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	48.4%
4. Information Security Analysts, Web Developers, & Computer Archite	46.7%
5. Occupational Therapist Aides	44.8%
6. Physical Therapist Aides	45.4%
7. Home Health Aides	44.4%
8. Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistants/Aides	40.8%
9. Personal and Home Care Aides	41.2%
10. Medical Equipment Repairers	40.6%
11. Life Scientists	38.9%
12. Occupational Therapist Assistants	37.5%
13. Physician Assistants	37.6%
14. Physical Therapists	35.6%
15. Separating and Filtering Machine Workers	35.3%
16. Occupational Therapists	34.2%
17. Other Personal Care & Service Workers	34.6%
18. Financial Examiners	32.8%
19. Ship Engineers	33.3%
20. Sailors and Marine Oilers	32.0%

To view the complete list and other information regarding careers, unemployment, the economy and more, visit the California Labor Market Information website at:
www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

California Career Café Update

The California Career Café website has been a huge success. Officially opening for business last semester, we are proud to say that College of the Canyons is one of the top colleges in California for site visits (thank you!). Located at www.cacareercafe.com, this virtual career center offers many tips and tools needed to be successful in your career exploration and job search endeavors. If you haven't visited yet, join the crowd and hang out at the Career Café.

And remember, even when we're closed, the Career Café is open 24/7.

Need a Job???

Visit our Online Job Database!!

www.canyons.edu/careercenter

Resume Rally Success

Resumes are definitely one of the those things in life that we all need to have sooner or later. Unfortunately, many tend to wait until they are asked for it, leaving too little time to create a quality product. It's because of this that the Career Center staff was so excited when 100 people showed up for the resume rallies we held at both campuses last month. This was one of our best turn-outs, with requests ranging from starting resume from scratch to critiquing an existing resume. There were 5-pagers, 1/2 pagers, CV's, works of art, and works that needed an overhaul. In each case, our professional staff took the time to sit and discuss what it might take to get noticed by an employer. If you missed the event, don't worry: you can stop by or contact the Career Center any time to set up a one-on-one appointment with an Advisor who can assist you with creating or critiquing your ever-important resume.



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Is Your Interview “Perfect”?

I'm a true believer that no one is ever perfect. There is always something that can be improved, pushed to the next level or fine-tuned. What if you could improve your interview? An online program offered by the Career Center is available to those who want to do just that. “Perfect Interview” provides the user an opportunity to practice answers to interview questions. Similar to a mock interview, a person (videotaped) asks you questions on the computer screen, and upon hitting “reply”, your webcam will automatically videotape your answer. There is a “Coach” button to assist you with understanding what the employer is looking for, and an “Alternate Answer” button to view someone answering the question. The program can still be used if you do not have a webcam, but the strength of the program is the ability to see yourself in action, so that adjustments can be made to your answer, posture, hand movements and even facial features. Of course nothing beats practicing with a real person who can give you feedback, but this is the closest thing to that and can be done for hours wherever you have Internet access. For more information, please stop by Career Services in the Student Center, room 123.

Online Career Advisor Ready When You Are

Ask questions 24 hours a day about resumes, interviews, applications, career exploration, salary negotiations, job fairs, job search, networking, or any other career-related question and we'll get back to you within two working days. This service is open to students, staff and the entire community.

A master in the art of living draws no sharp distinction between his work and his play; his labor and his leisure; his mind and his body; his education and his recreation. He hardly knows which is which. He simply pursues his vision of excellence through whatever he is doing, and leaves others to determine whether he is working or playing. To himself, he always appears to be doing both.

— Françoise Rene Auguste Chateaubriand

Placement Success Story

Name: Tyson Furubotten

New Job Title:
Ride Mechanic

Company:
Six Flags Magic Mountain

Duties:

- Perform ride maintenance and inspection
- Troubleshoot and repair parts and units using mechanical ability
- Conduct safety inspections
- Fabricate parts for roller coasters



(1) What advice would you give to other job seekers?

- Contact the Career Center for assistance
- Be open-minded to different careers that fit your skill sets
- Don't be afraid to explore a career you never considered before. With solid base skills and some training, you can achieve anything.
- Never give up!

(2) What kept you from becoming discouraged during your job search?

Having a good support system behind me. Also, realizing that there are millions of others in the same boat. I approached it as a mission, something I had to complete and could not give up on.

(3) How did you feel when you received the job offer?

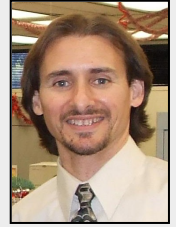
I was shocked and excited, as I didn't expect it.

(4) Other comments:

The staff at the Career Center are top notch. If it wasn't for their great staff, I wouldn't be where I am today, with a bright future in a new career path.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Fall is upon us and another semester is already half over. For Career Services, it's been as busy as ever, with students and community members hunting for jobs and exploring careers.



Anthony Michaelides
Director, Career Services

Our job database currently has over 100 job postings as employers continue to post new positions on a weekly basis. Our workshops have increased to 13, along with several special events. This semester, our Career Advisors include Lily, Keri, Jolene, Jessica, Tracey and Anh. Come in for one-on-one advisement, or attend one of our workshops. As always, we are open to students and the entire community.

Career Web Sites

www.canyons.edu/careercenter/links.asp

Check out our Career Services webpage for all these links and a lot more!!

www.myinterfase.com/canyons/student

College of the Canyons
Online Job Database

<http://scworksource.com/>

Santa Clarita Worksource Center

www.cacareercafe.com

A "virtual career center" to help with career exploration and your career/job search. The Café is open 24/7!

www.indeed.com

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Click on "Internships"

www.bls.gov/oco/

The Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.monstertrak.com/

Internet search engine for students, graduates and clients