Career Infusion Opportunities

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**PRACTICE INTERVIEW PROGRAM**

**Summary**
- Models the actual process by which 2,000 real on-campus interviews are conducted so students are familiar with the process before the need to engage for a real job or internship
- 30-minute screening interview in the Career Center interview rooms
- Last five minutes is for feedback
- 50 CEO, VP, hiring manager, and HR professionals conducted 800 interviews, volunteering 400 hours of time to help make Ball State students more competitive

**Get involved**
- Career Center needs to know the semester before your class participation
- Contact Jeff Eads at 765-285-2434 or jleads@bsu.edu or your Career Center liaison
- During the first two weeks of the semester, a Career Center representative will visit class and present on the process, what to expect, and interview skills
- Interviews take place throughout the semester
- A list of those who completed the interview is sent to you in time for grade submissions

**Important Notes**
- Because of the risk of student no-shows, this must be an assignment and not extra credit
- A classroom presentation is a must as this helps deliver a consistent message to everyone involved

**INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW PROGRAM**

**Summary**
- 200 alumni (and growing) have volunteered to provide an informational interview
- Each alumnus has volunteered to be contacted three times per month, allowing for 600 connections each month
- Additional industries and professions not included in the alumni database are provided via Candid Career, accessible through a student Cardinal Career Link account

**Get Involved**
- Inform Eilis Wasserman at 765-285-2435 or ewasserman@bsu.edu or your Career Center liaison
- A class training regarding informational interviews and the systems available will be reviewed
- Often, faculty will assign a paper to provide an opportunity for students to reflect on what they learned and also as proof of assignment completion
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**INTERN-READY**

**Summary**
- Created by employers for students
- Consisting of six components; most students can complete this in one semester
- Employers are talking about Intern-Ready and want to recruit students involved

**Get Involved**
- Inform faculty internship coordinators of this opportunity
- Send students to meet with a Career Coach to get started
- Information about who has signed up for Intern-Ready can be shared with you if you wish to encourage these activities through classes

**CAREER-READY**

**Summary**
- Created by employers for students
- Takes about two years to complete
- Focus on engagement in the components to overcome the hesitation of a two-year commitment by students
- Core of Career-Ready is Intern-Ready, so we hope to convert Intern-Ready completers to Career-Ready participants

**CARDINAL JOB FAIR**

**Summary**
- Meeting with a Career Coach once tends to lead to future career and professional engagements with the Career Center
- Assign students to meet with a Career Coach and bring proof that of meeting back to the faculty
- To schedule an appointment, visit bsu.edu/careers/careerlink, log in using Ball State credentials, and navigate to schedule an appointment
- Drop-in Coaching is available in Lucina Hall 220 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Get Involved**
- Invite your Career Center liaison to your class prior to the job fair to speak with students about how to work a job fair and what to expect
- Assign that students bring to class three business cards or company information from employers at the fair