

Need a job for the summer?

Helpful tips and resources for acquiring a job for the summer

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As the end of the semester creeps closer, many students will begin planning out their summer vacation. Some students seek summer jobs just to bring in extra money while they have the time.

Finding jobs can often be difficult, especially if you've never been employed. Luckily, there are multiple resources you can use to assist in your job hunting process. There are also resources on campus that can help jumpstart your search for a summer job, as well as assist in your search for a long-term career.

CareerSource is an organization that connects employers and businesses with people and connects people

with the job training and resources they need. CareerSource offers four webinars on their website, www.careersourceclm.com, that offer advice on job interviews, resumes, and other things necessary in the job application process.

"These are four key components that I would recommend for students to use," said Laura Byrnes, the communications manager at CareerSource. "This is a great place to start if you need to get a good idea of what you need to do."

CareerSource holds hiring events frequently at the college. Hiring events are like job fairs that are customized to one hiring employer. Hiring event attendees are able to find out more information on the positions needed for that particular business.

"I would recommend for students to keep their eyes open for these hiring events," Byrnes said. "They are posted on our calendar on the website so it's easy to find out when they are, so students can attend."

The CareerSource administrative office is located upstairs in building 42 on the Ocala campus.

Not only is acquiring summer jobs very feasible for students, it's said to be important as well.

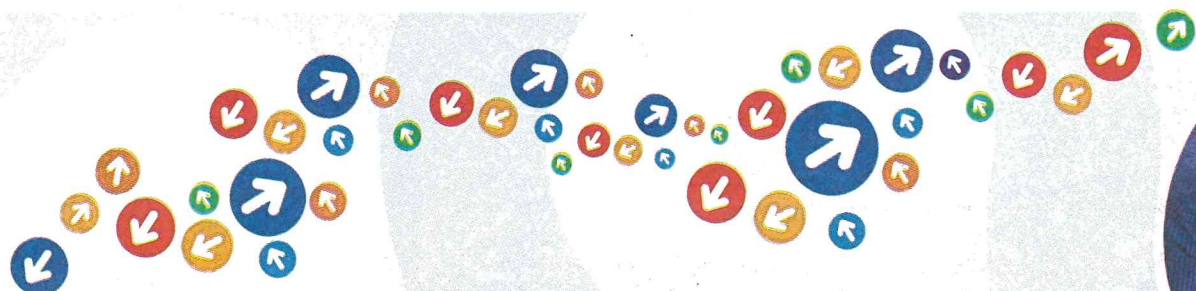
"Working during the summer as a student helps a lot financially," said Abraham Francis, a locally-employed high school student. "It can help a lot with preparing students for their future careers. It provides a way for students to become more independent and responsible as well."

Starting a job in the summer can

help you get used to the flow of being an employee so you can more easily balance your schedule once the fall semester begins.

"The best way to get a job is to be persistent," said Robert Olson, a full-time student at Santa Fe. "You just have to show your drive to work. I personally enjoy working summers for the easy pay hours."

Whether you are a freshman, dual-enrolled, or graduating, acquiring a summer job can be simpler than you think. With the resources offered on campus and your personal drive, that extra money you were hoping to save up over summer may be more viable than you thought.



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