



CAREER SERVICES

The Rhodes Career Services staff works closely with students to develop career development plans. From choosing a major to accepting of a job opportunity or graduate school offer, the staff assists students in evaluating options and making important career decisions. A wide variety of services and programs are offered to prepare students for post graduation plans.

Staff

Sandi George Tracy, Director. Counsels juniors and seniors, coordinates internship program and Career Fair Expo.

Amy Oakes, Assistant Director. Counsels first-year students and sophomores, coordinates assessment testing, the Shadow Program and Graduate School Awareness Week.

Melissa Butler McCowen, Coordinator. Counsels juniors and seniors, plans educational programs and coordinates the monthly career newsletter.

Claudia Rutkauskas, Administrative Assistant/ Recruitment Coordinator. Coordinates the On-campus Recruiting Program, Credential Services and publications.

Services and Programs

The Career Services staff advocates a comprehensive approach to career development. Programs are designed to assist students throughout their four years at Rhodes. First-year students are encouraged to participate in Jump Start, a year-long program that helps students adjust to college life, academically and socially. The Sophomore Career Seminar, a six-week program, open to all sophomores, has been rated as “excellent” in terms of helping students make career decisions. During the junior and senior years, students are eligible to participate in the Rhodes Internship Program and are encouraged to attend numerous career programs offered by the staff. Included in these programs are Junior Academy for Career Knowledge, a six-week program open to all juniors, and Career Advancement Seminar for Seniors, also a six-week program.

Career counseling, career assessment and testing, as well as free publications are made available by the Career Services staff.

In addition, the staff maintains a comprehensive career library for student use that includes topics on internships, résumé writing, choosing a major, graduate school admission and identifying employers. Each year, thousands of full-time, part-time and summer positions are listed with Career Services and organized into job notebooks housed in the career library, or on CareerLynX, an online job posting service. On-campus recruiters make regular visits to Rhodes to interview seniors for career positions. Recent employers include Teach For America, Morgan Keegan, Peace Corps, Ernst & Young and Youth Villages.

Workshops are provided on a variety of career topics including: choosing a major, dinner etiquette, graduate school admissions, careers in nonprofit and many major-specific programs. In addition, a graduate school fair and career fair are hosted on the Rhodes campus by the Career Services staff. The staff also coordinates a shadow program providing students opportunities to network with Memphis-area professionals.

Education Through Experience: The Rhodes Internship Program

More than 60% of Rhodes students participate in an academic or international internship, usually during the junior or senior year. Memphis provides an excellent location for a wide variety of internship positions with international companies, major medical centers, nonprofit agencies, social services and media.

Rhodes internships are tailored as much as possible to a student’s unique interest, and the work is project-oriented. A LeBonheur Children’s Medical Center pediatrics intern attends rounds and staff meetings with residents and physicians, works in an outpatient clinic setting and observes surgical procedures. An intern with the FBI may research white collar crime and issues of homeland security. A FedEx international



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marketing intern participates in a relevant research project. An intern in a United States Senator's office works on special projects and responds to constituents. A Refugee Resettlement Program intern may develop or start an after-school tutoring program for newly-arrived refugee children. All of these students are gaining valuable experience, investigating possible career choices and developing skills attractive to future employers.

In addition to Memphis internships, the Mertie Buckman and the Morelle Legg International Internship Programs provide financial support to send four to five students majoring in International Studies, and one female business student, respectively, on international assignments each summer. Students spend eight weeks gaining outstanding educational and cultural experiences. In previous years, students have worked for companies such as FedEx, Deutsch Bank, Buckman Laboratories, Wella and Smith & Nephew in countries including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, South Africa, Belgium, Russia and Spain.

Graduates

42.6% enter full-time employment

In recent years, Rhodes graduates have found full-time employment in a variety of fields. Some examples from recent graduating classes include: an international studies major working for Maybelline Garnier as a business specialist; political science and urban studies majors working for Teach For America in Los Angeles and Washington, DC, respectively; Spanish majors teaching in Seoul, Korea; an economics/business administration major working for Bear Stearns in New York; biology majors who serve as research assistants at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Harvard Medical School; and an art major working as the assistant to the curator at the Austin Museum of Art.

35.1% pursue graduate degrees

In recent years, Rhodes graduates have established a trend of excellent acceptance rates to graduate

programs. Of the students who have informed Career Services of their plans, Rhodes has had a 90% average acceptance rate to medical schools over the past five years, including students admitted to Harvard and Duke universities. This statistic is well above the national acceptance rate; in 2006, 47.2% of nationwide applicants were accepted. Rhodes has had a 97% average acceptance rate to law schools for the past five years, including acceptances to the University of Georgia, University of Texas and Washington and Lee University. Again, this acceptance rate is well above the national law school acceptance rate of 63.1% (in 2006). The five-year average acceptance rate for M.B.A. and M.S. in accounting programs was 100%. For divinity programs, Rhodes has had a 97.5% acceptance rate over the past five years.

According to Career Services data, Rhodes students were accepted to other M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. programs at the rate of 94.4% over the past five years. Programs to which recent graduates were admitted include Ph.D. in linguistics at the University of Colorado, M.Litt. in art history at the University of Glasgow, Ph.D. in human genetics at Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D. in structural biology/biochemistry at Duke University, M.F.A. in cinematography at the University of California and M.S. in biotechnology at Georgetown University.

4% pursue graduate degrees while working full time

5. 8% volunteer or take temporary employment

Rhodes graduates have volunteered as Peace Corps members, project workers in homeless shelters and foreign missionaries in countries including Africa, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Georgia, Samoa, Panama and Dominican Republic.

For more information

Please contact the Career Services office at (901) 843-3800 or Admissions at 1-800-844-5969. You can also contact the Admissions Office via the Internet at adminfo@rhodes.edu or at rhodes.edu/admissions/default.asp.