

Career Center

Hello and welcome. My name is Aruna, and I am a staff member in the Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. I am excited to share with you one of the most valuable resources we offer to our graduate students here at Grand Valley and that is the Career Center.

At Grand Valley, we are committed to ensuring that our graduate students have every tool and opportunity available to help them succeed both during their program and in their professional journeys afterward. One of the key pillars of support we provide is our Career Center. In this podcast, I will briefly describe the Career Center and the support it offers to the students at Grand Valley State University.

The Career Center works with students to build their resume, career advising, and networking with employers in their own disciplines. The Career Center offers the CareerLab and individual career appointment services for students. Imagine a space for students to build their resumes, get feedback, and create a polished final document. That is what the CareerLab is. Whether you need help with your resume, cover letter, or interview preparation, expert career advisors are available to assist you. It is a drop-in program available during the Fall and Winter academic semesters, offering individualized, as well as group career consultations without the need for an appointment. Bring along your resume and laptop and stay as long as you need. It is your personalized career support hub right here on campus.

The Career Center also provides individual career appointments, both in-person and virtual. These sessions provide tailored insights to help you align your aspirations with practical career strategies. You can schedule one-on-one meetings and career advising appointments through Handshake. As you log into your Handshake account, navigate to the Career Center option, click on the Appointment Tab to schedule new appointments, and choose the career advising category that suits your needs. From there you can schedule a virtual or in-person meeting with an advisor. If you are uncertain about your field or category, reach out to the Career Center directly by calling 616-331-3311. You can drop by the Career Center at any time from Monday through Friday within their office hours and they are always happy to provide any assistance needed. You can find the Career Center on both GVSU campuses at 200 Students Services Building in Allendale and 101B, Devos Center on the Pew Campus.

GVSU understands the importance of networking and skill-building, which is why we host a wide variety of workshops, career fairs, and employer-hosted events throughout the year. These are fantastic opportunities to expand your professional network and gain insights into various industry opportunities. Plus, they are available to both students and alumni, ensuring that our support extends beyond graduation. The Career Center also has a plethora of resources available such as podcasts, resume guidelines, and one-on-one mock interviews to help you find a suitable employer, polish your application, and perform well at your interviews. Whatever needs you may have regarding your professional career search, the Career Center is there to help. For more information about the Career Center, please visit www.gvsu.edu/careers.

The Career Center at GVSU is dedicated to your personal growth and professional success. Please take advantage of these valuable resources and empower your journey toward a bright and promising future. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.