Choosing a Career

Through the numerous services that we offer, the Magner Career Center is here to help undecided students decide on a career path, find an ideal internship, and gain the information needed to have a successful job search. Undecided students should visit the Magner Career Center as early as possible, preferably as freshmen and sophomores, in order to fully take advantage of our range of services. Use this page to navigate the services available to you.

Discover Yourself

Need Help With Choosing A Major?

Talk with an academic advisor with the Center for Academic Advisement and Student Success (CAASS).

- Take the Color Q Assessment (you can also download the test to fill out) discover your career passion (Need help? Here's a video on how to fill out the Color Q quiz). Then, schedule an appointment with Magner Center staff to talk about your results. Learn more about what your personality says about you and your career prospects by reading the descriptions specific to your results.
  - You can email your results to careernews@brooklyn.cuny.edu before your appointment
  - Still confused with what you are interested in doing? Try the Wandering Map and Possible Lives Map exercises

Conduct Career and Employer Research

- Use FirstHand (Watch our videos on how to use Vault) or CareerOneStop, My Next Move and ONET and review sites that can help you explore career and industries
- Join related student organizations on campus related to your major, hobbies, or interests and attend events hosted by other offices and academic departments.
- Conduct LinkedIn Research to view the various career paths of Brooklyn College alumni who graduated in a degree that interests you. Go to this page https://www.linkedin.com/school/brooklyn-college/people/ and pick company, career field, what they studied etc. to find alumni who match.
- Watch our videos of alumni, employers and students from various career fields.
- Attend Magner Career Center workshops and events such as career exploration events focused on specific career fields etc. Register through WebCentral under the career workshops tab.

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- Pre-Med/health students should review the Pre-Health Professions Handbook and meet with the Pre-Med academic advisor.

Conduct Informational Interviews

- Contact Brooklyn College alumni or other professionals via LinkedIn to ask them for an informational interview. This resource will give you the do's and don'ts on contacting professionals including sample email templates and questions you can ask.
Gain Experience

- Gain practical experience through an internship, conducting research in the field, volunteering, job shadowing etc.
- Be sure to set up your Hire BC account. Use your BC WebCentral credentials.
- Look into program and internships for freshman/sophomores.

Additional steps to take

- Speak to other students who have already declared majors and have clear career goals. Perhaps they can offer you some insight into how they arrived at their decisions. For example, attending events hosted by clubs related to specific careers or majors can help answer some of your questions.
- Attend the events organized by the Center for Academic Advisement and Student Success or see an advisor for assistance with choosing a major or building a schedule to meet degree requirements.
- Attend various internship panels and participate in at least two internships to help you decide whether or not you want to follow a particular career path. Internships are also offered through the various academic departments.
- Speak to department counselors in the departments in which you might have interest. Faculty members have posted counseling hours for your convenience.