

FCCareerConnect

Spilling the Tea to Help You Get That J-O-B

Hello Hornet Nation!

Welcome to Fullerton College's very first FCCareerConnect newsletter, brought to you by *Strong Workforce*. Raise the roof!

We are so excited to provide you with content that we hope will keep you abreast of some of the trends and resources available both on and off campus to help you explore your career options, while also providing you with access to opportunities that will aid in expanding your skills and preparing you for a meaningful career!

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it's time to talk about...
internships

WHAT ARE INTERNSHIPS?

Internships are a student's direct connection to the world of work. As students study theory in the classroom, it is wise to pair their studies with real world application. Internships allow for just that!

Internships provide students the opportunity to participate in impactful professional learning experiences in workspaces that relate to their field of interest. These can be paid or unpaid experiences.

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WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Career Clarity: internships can provide clarity regarding the direction you want to take your career in.

Professional Network: networking is key to landing employment; by working side-by-side with seasoned professionals and fellow interns, you can begin to build your network.

Demonstrated Skills Development: the contract you create with your supervisor via internship programs, establishes certain learning goals you want to accomplish during your internship, these experiences help you develop and practice the skills needed in your industry.

Scoring A Full-time Gig: Internships can help students attain full-time employment.

According to [NACE's 2020 Internship & Co-op Survey Report](#), employers renewed 55.5% of their interns from the Class of 2019 to full-time, entry-level hires.

HOW DO YOU FIND AN INTERNSHIP?

Utilize [FCCareerConnect](#): this is your portal to part-time and full-time jobs, as well as internships.

Tap into Your Network: ask your instructors, family, friends, and previous employers of any opportunities that they might be aware of in your desired field.

Company Website: If you have a specific company you want to intern at, don't hesitate to go to their company website, and apply there.

Employ Search Engines & LinkedIn: Narrow down the type of internship experience you are looking for (e.g. Graphic Design Intern); utilize [Idealist.org](#) or [Indeed.com](#) as your search engines, and use [LinkedIn](#) to connect with prior Fullerton College alumni who work in the field you are interested in getting into.

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

Early Bird Catches the Worm: Start searching for internships a few months prior to the semester beginning (e.g. if you are interested in a Fall 2020 internship, start looking for, preparing, and applying for internships now).

Resume & CL Review: Attend one of our summer [Resume workshops](#), and one-on-one resume review sessions to get your resume application ready.

Interview Workshops: Attend one of our summer [Interview & Elevator Speech workshops](#) to learn all of the insider tips so that you can ace the interview.

Career & Internship Fairs: Keep checking our [CLP Calendar](#) of events for Career & Internships Fairs (currently facilitated virtually), where you get to directly connect with employers.



WHAT DO YOU DO ONCE YOU'VE LANDED AN INTERNSHIP?

Please remember, to get college credit while participating in your internship, you have to be enrolled in one of Fullerton College's Internship classes simultaneously.

[Click here](#) to see a full listing of Summer Internship classes and to learn more about the program.

For questions regarding the internship program, please contact: Jennifer Merchant at jmerchant@fullcoll.edu.

Career Spotlight

GAME DESIGN

TURNING YOUR PASSION INTO A CAREER

Were you completely psyched about the Final Fantasy VII remake; what about Cyberpunk 2077 with Keanu Reeves?! Do you find yourself spending hours reading character sheets, searching for cheat codes, and getting lost in whimsical lands? Then, it might be time to consider taking your passion for video games one step further: collaborating with fellow gamers to create video games of your own!



Gaming is an exciting industry and as with any field with a heavy emphasis on tech, you will find gaming to be ever-evolving as well. So being aware of the trends is essential; the next iterations in gaming may involve AI, virtual reality, and e-sports. It is also important to note that a majority of gaming jobs are found in concentrated areas; fortunately many employers are in California!

Top 5 cities with the most gaming job opportunities

Rank	City
1.	Los Angeles, CA
2.	Seattle, WA
3.	San Francisco, CA
4.	Austin, TX
5.	San Jose, CA

Source: Indeed



Overall, the gaming industry is a massive employer. There are positions for designers, programmers, writers, sound engineers, sales and marketers. Whatever your interest, there really is something for everyone, it's just a matter of getting exposed to what is out there.

Fortunately, at Fullerton College, we have a variety of Certificates and Degrees to help you on your way to “level up” your love for games!

To start, take a look at the following certificates:

- [Computer Game Design Skills Certificate](#)
- [Computer Game Programming Skills Certificate](#)
- [Sound Technician Certificate](#)

Or consider enrolling in this [Introductory Computer Game Design \(CISG 100\) course](#), where you'll gain knowledge around the entire computer game development process and current gaming business.

For more information, be sure to connect with an [academic counselor](#) to embed the course or certificate into your educational plan.

Dear Career Specialist,

WHAT'S UP WITH OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS?

The consensus is in, for the most part, objective statements are outdated, unless you are searching for positions in a completely different industry. Take a gander at this [Muse article](#) to learn more!

***If you are interested in getting your burning career question answered, please email Rabia - rkhan@fullcoll.edu, with the header 'Dear Career Specialist', and we might feature your question in the next upcoming newsletter!*



Zen Corner

To help you zen out this summer, considering listening to [Conan O'Brien Needs a Friend!](#) A delightful podcast that is sure to make you laugh and brighten your day!