

POINTS FOR PARENTS OF WPI STUDENTS FROM THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)

Your Concern	How You Can Help Your Son or Daughter
What is the Career Development Center?	Our staff helps students find internships, co-ops, and jobs, and assists students with resume writing, job offer negotiation, and everything in between. You should strongly encourage your student to visit us! Visit our website to learn more at wpi.edu/+cdc .
What are some of the CDC's services?	Career Fairs, Workshops, Resume & Cover Letter writing/critiquing, Job/Internship/Co-Op Search Strategies, Interview Skills, major selection/career counseling, Job Offer Negotiation, On-Campus Recruiting, Graduate School Counseling, and Drop-In or scheduled appointments on a variety of subjects.
My first-year student is confused or uncertain about choosing a major, or wants to change majors.	Encourage them to register for the Discovering Majors and Careers course, which helps undecided students explore and choose the right major (offered in A, B, and C terms). This course is also helpful for students trying to decide between 2-3 majors or looking to learn more about career options related to majors. If the course is not an option due to scheduling conflicts, encourage your student to make a Choosing/Changing a Major appointment at the CDC to speak with a staff member.
My first year student just changed majors.	Over 50% of WPI students change majors and still graduate on time. However, it is very important for students who change majors to make an appointment with the CDC or Academic Advising to get help with this transition and with scheduling classes.
How can my first year student find a job?	Encourage your first year student to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of the CDC Services. • Attend Career Fairs. • Access Handshake and utilize it (accessed through CDC website and exclusive to WPI students). • Apply for internships and Co-op. • Attend and participate in CDC workshops, which are listed on our website at wpi.edu/+cdc.
Why is it important for my first year student to get an internship or co-op?	Most companies use their internship and co-op programs for up to 80% of their full-time hires, and these opportunities provide real experience for students for their resume
What are the chances of my first year student getting a full-time job upon graduation?	Our placement rate for graduating seniors is around 90% (includes full-time, military, and graduate school). Visit our website to view our First Destination Outcomes Reports .

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