

Preparing for Your Career



A New Way of Working

The world is changing faster than it ever has. To succeed in this new and changing world, students need to go beyond knowledge. The IIE's Varsity College equips students with the skills employers need: critical thinking skills and problem solving skills. So that our students can thrive in the New World.

What Is The Career Centre?

The Career Centre, is a work-readiness centre that provides students with opportunities to gain workplace skills that will complement their academic qualification. Our strong business relationships also give students the opportunity for potential work experience and graduate placement, preparing students for the New World, and getting their CVs to the top of the pile.

How Do I Hear About The Career Centre's Activities?

Find your Career Centre Coordinator on campus and access the Career Centre platform online or via the app. Explore the content on the platform and book a consultation online with your Career Centre Coordinator for individual career support. Working with your Career Centre is a great opportunity to get a head start on employability. Even if you're unsure of what career you're interested in or what your long-term goals are, come in for a chat.



Why Work Part-Time?



- You get to apply the knowledge you have gained at The IIE's Varsity College to the real world of work and further your practical skills.
- You learn your subject matter with greater understanding.
- You can make industry connections.
- You can build an impressive and credible CV.
- Employers will be impressed with your experience and initiative.
- You can experience non-traditional companies and potential jobs within your area of qualification that you may never have thought of.
- Earning money is the first step towards your independence.

Success Stories

AADHIL KHAN

*IIE Bachelor of Commerce graduate from The IIE's Varsity College Westville
Junior Accountant with Cullinan Holdings – Thompsons Africa*

“The Career Centre had a major impact on me during my time at The IIE's Varsity College. They assisted me with securing my first internship, part-time work exposure and provided me with useful CV writing skills to help me stand out amongst others.”

PHINDILE MOLEFE

*IIE Bachelor of Commerce graduate from The IIE's Varsity College Pietermaritzburg
Debtors Clerk with WESSA (Wildlife Environmental Society of South Africa)*

“The Career Centre assisted me in so many ways. The workshops they held provided guidance on aspects such as confidence during interviews. They also assisted me in obtaining my current position at WESSA.”





Advice from a Career Centre Coordinator

Meet Lebo, one of our Career Centre Coordinators from the Sandton Campus. Lebo is passionate about getting students ready for the next chapter of their lives. She works with students towards transferring the relevant soft skills, knowledge and confidence for them to secure the opportunities they desire.

"I understand the challenges that students go through, not just because I have work experience but also because I have been where they are. Employers don't expect graduates to be perfect, knowing everything about the job. An employer does however expect a graduate to come prepared, ready to put their best foot forward, and be hungry for opportunity to grow and shine. My goal is to support our students as they prepare to step up and show off their New World Thinking in industry."



FAQs



Must I engage with the Career Centre to be put forward for a position?

Yes. You need to proactively apply for positions via the Career Centre platform. After reviewing applications, your Career Centre Coordinator will put forward candidates they know and believe are suitable. The Career Centre cannot make guarantees to any students, but works closely with committed students to ensure they are well prepared for the application and interview process.

Is being paid for part-time work important?

Some positions will only offer the experience and opportunity to learn, which is often worth more in the long-term than a little money.

Will my part-time work skills be transferable to my full-time career?

Yes. Any skills developed through part-time employment become invaluable once you embark on your career. Even waiting tables will teach you skills like dealing with difficult customers and working under pressure.



What Can I Do to Kickstart My Career Now?



Access the Career Centre platform

The Career Centre platform grants you exposure to a wealth of interactive career tools, e-learning content and the latest job opportunities.

Connect

Make an appointment with your Career Centre Coordinator on campus for support with CV development, interview techniques and mapping out your career expectations and goals.

Get involved

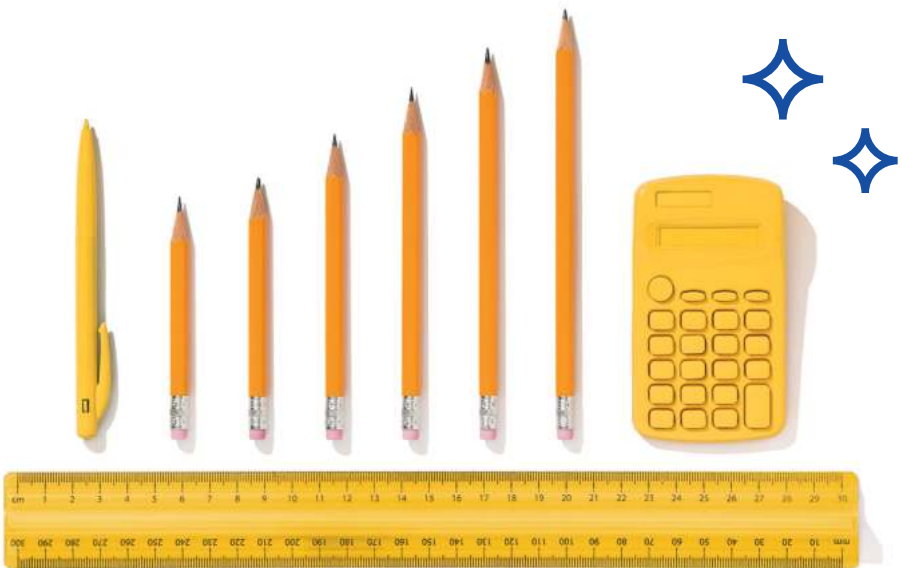
Attend various skill-building workshops with industry speakers and recruitment experts as well as employer showcases and events. Consult with your Career Centre Coordinator regularly for guidance and advice.

Focus

Look for work that will suit your ultimate career goal. We will support you every step of the way.

Action

As the completion of your qualification looms, speak to us about Graduate Job Opportunities and what these entail. The door of opportunity will be wide open if you are prepared.



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