What are Career Readiness Competencies?

Career readiness is life readiness and is the key to ensuring a successful entrance into the workforce. There are eight career readiness competencies that are transferable across all occupations and industries. When looking to hire a new employee, companies are interested in the skills each candidate brings to the table and career readiness competencies are the primary skills employers look for when hiring.

CAREER AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT

Career and self-development focus on the proactive development of oneself and one’s career through continued learning, personal awareness, career navigation, and intentional networking. Learn more about what career and self-development looks like [HERE](#).

How do I grow my career and self-development?

- **Meet with your Career Coach** to identify potential careers and next steps for career exploration.
- Participate in networking events and seek a mentor in your field by attending our [Professional Networking Series](#) or using [Mean Green Mentors](#).
- Complete career interest assessments in [MyPlan](#).
- Identify career opportunities that align with your values, interests, personality, and skills (VIPS).
- Job shadow professionals through our [Career Treks Job Shadowing](#) program.
UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

HIRE CLASS: MEET EMPLOYERS EVERY THURSDAY
When: Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: General Academic Building (GAB) - Across from GAB Café
Find more event details on Handshake - Search "HIRE CLASS"

DROP-IN LIKE IT'S HOT: WEEKLY DROP-INS
When: Fridays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: General Academic Building (GAB) 204
Meet with a CLASS Career Coach during our weekly drop-in hours!

JCPENNEY SUIT-UP EVENT
When: Sunday, September 10th from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Where: JCPenney in Denton
Find more event details on Handshake

CMHT CAREER EXPO
When: Wednesday, September 13th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Union 314
Find more event details on Handshake

CAREERS IN THE HUMANITIES
When: Friday, September 15th from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Where: Willis Library 250H
Find more event details on Handshake

BUSINESS CAREER FAIR
When: September 19th and 20th from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Where: Union 314
Find more event details on Handshake

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING SERIES: HUMAN RESOURCES
When: Tuesday, September 26th from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Where: Gateway 35
Find more event details on Handshake

GRADUATE SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR
When: Wednesday, September 27th from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Where: Union 314
Find more event details on Handshake

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING SERIES: BANKING AND FINANCE
When: Thursday, September 28th from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Where: Union 333
Find more event details on Handshake
These employers want YOU and your valuable liberal arts degree. Learn how you can take your CLASS degree into a variety of industries. Come and network with these employers and more during our weekly employer tabling events with HIRE CLASS!

DENTON COUNTY MHMR CENTER

Denton County MHMR Center is a community social services center specializing in mental health and intellectual and development disabilities services. Denton County MHMR is committed to fostering an open, inclusive, and supportive environment that welcomes and embraces diversity in all forms. **Gain experience with their services including 24-hour crisis hotline service, case management, and medication services.**

GREAT HEARTS ACADEMIES

Great Hearts Academies is a network of public, open-enrollment, tuition-free schools across the country that provides over 25,000 K-12 students with access to a high quality, classical liberal arts education, without the barriers that often come with private prep schools. Teaching certifications are not required for general education and Great Hearts hire teachers from across all academic disciplines and departments.
My name is Kevin Bontempo, and I am truly excited to work as a Career Coach here at UNT. I am originally from Cabot, AR which is right outside of Little Rock. I completed my bachelor’s degree at Arkansas State University and my master’s from Arkansas Tech University. Having started at UNT in June, I am going on my 5th year working in a University Career Center setting and still enjoy working with students, faculty, and staff in any way I can to prepare students for their career. My professional interests include career development theory, employment law, and counseling theories and techniques. I am a massive fan of the UNT One O’clock Lab Band along with the entirety of the UNT music program and am looking forward to exploring Denton’s music scene.