Career Network

The Career Network is a collaboration of services across campus dedicated to facilitating the career development and employment of WMU students while in college and after graduation. Services include career advising, career assessments, resume and cover letter advice, centralized job listings, career development workshops, and several annual campus job fairs.

- Campus jobs are available for enrolled students only. Competition is steep, as many students keep campus jobs through to graduation.

- Working part-time (on or off campus) while enrolled helps students prioritize tasks and master time management. A student will earn $7,000, working an average of 20 hours per week throughout the year.

- Students who qualify for Michigan or Federal Work Study can work on campus or in a non-profit agency in the Kalamazoo area to earn their award. Apply for Work Study as part of the comprehensive FAFSA (financial aid) application.

- Students are encouraged to attend programs and events to build career knowledge and skills. Several career fairs and other networking events are held each year to expose students to employers and their employment expectations.

- The average 2009 starting salary for an undergraduate from WMU was $35,000. (Based on student reported salaries from the New Graduate Survey, 2009. More than 70 percent reported working in Michigan after graduation.)

- www.wmich.edu/career is the website for the Career Network and includes job openings for students and graduates; dates of all upcoming job fairs in the Midwest; and resources for interviewing, resume preparation, and networking.

Disability Services for Students

Disability Services for Students provides for nearly 700 students who have identified themselves as having disabilities. Disabilities include but are not limited to:

Chronic illness – allergies, cancer, cardiac, MS, fibromyalgia, etc.
Cognitive issues – ADHD, LD, traumatic brain injury, etc.
Emotional/psychological – depression, anxiety, bi-polar, etc.
Physical – hearing, vision, mobility
Temporary – surgeries, broken bones, etc.

- Participates with the Multipurpose Enabling Technology Laboratory (METL). METL is a computer lab with adaptive equipment to assist students with a variety of disabling conditions.

- Subsidizes on-campus transportation for students with mobility issues who have been authorized through Metro Transit. The County Connect van is a wheelchair lift equipped vehicle that may be scheduled for regular rides on campus. Students with mobility and blindness or low vision may be eligible to ride the County Connect van.

- Provides alternative format for textbooks and other printed materials. Formats include enlarged print and scanning services, which allow students access to screen readers and font size manipulation.