
Student-Athlete Career Excellence Certificate

The Student- Athlete Career Excellence Certificate is awarded to student-athletes who have gone above and beyond expectations with their personal career development at Clemson University.

To be awarded the Student Athletes Career Excellence Certificate or SACEC, a student must complete the below items while a full-time student at Clemson University:

*(*Items with an asterisk are mandatory for completion of that career area)*

Interviewing & Resume Development (must complete 4 of the 5)

___ *Attend the Resume writing workshop presented through Vickery Hall

Learning how to write an effective resume is an essential skill for student athletes to learn in order to enhance their career development. An individual's resume serves to give future employers a first impression, thus understanding how to tailor one's resume for different jobs is quite important.

___ *Complete a mock interview through the Michelin Career Center or Vickery Hall

The ability to successfully conduct oneself in an interview can significantly increase one's confidence in the job search process. While many people understand the importance of an interview few people practice the skills necessary to maximize their effectiveness. Learning how to articulate their skills and experiences on the field and in the classroom to employers takes planning and practice.

___ *Have your resume critiqued by a staff member at the Michelin Career Center or Vickery Hall

Student athletes learn the value of feedback from others by submitting their resume for critique and suggestions. The ongoing maintenance and tweaking of one's resume is a never ending process in which the feedback of others is very helpful. Student athletes begin to learn the value of asking for help from others more experienced in the area of career development.

___ Have your cover letter critiqued by a staff member at the Michelin Career Center or Vickery Hall

Learning how to write a professional cover letter is an important skill for student athletes to learn. Just as they practice skills on the field, learning to write an effective cover letter is a skill to be practiced and perfected.

___ Complete an informational interview with a professional in your field of choice

Must complete an informational interview form and submit to Vickery Hall Career Services personnel.

Learning how to communicate with professionals in the business world is an important skill to begin to learn as a college student. Gaining competence and confidence in speaking with

professionals in a field of work a student athlete is interested in, is a great way to begin networking that will be a benefit for ongoing professional development.

___ Be selected for and attend on-campus interview by an employer that recruits at Clemson University

After learning and practicing the skills necessary to obtain an interview such as resume writing, cover letter writing, and interviewing skills all of these skills must be combined in an actual interview. The more practice student athletes have in interview situations with employers the more comfortable they will become.

Professional Development (must complete 3 of the 5)

___ *Attend the How to Prepare for the Career Fair Workshop presented through the Michelin Career Center(MCC) or Vickery Hall

Career Fair's held on campus are great resources for student athletes to utilize in their job search. For student athletes to maximize their experience at the Career Fair requires planning and preparation. This workshop prepares student athletes with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully navigate a Career Fair.

___ *Attend the fall or spring Career Fair and speak with at least 5 employers
Must obtain a career fair attendance form from Vickery Hall and return once complete.

After preparing for a Career Fair student athletes put their plan into action by attending an actual Career Fair. Student athletes are required to speak with at least 5 employers to practice interacting with professionals in this type of environment.

___ Attend one of the NetworkBash Workshops presented through MCC

The NetworkBash provides an opportunity for student athletes to build relationships and listen to advice from Clemson Alumni. Clemson Alumni can be a great resource in the job search process and this workshop gives student athletes the opportunity to make these connections.

___ Attend the job searching and networking workshop presented by the MCC

Networking is an essential skill for landing a job and developing relationships within one's field. This workshop aims to equip students with the skills utilizing networking in the job search process.

___ Attend the Senior Transition Workshop presented through Vickery Hall

The transition from college to life in the "real world" can be a stressful and difficult transition. The aim of this workshop is to equip student athletes to manage life after college when the support system and resources of a university athletic department are no longer available. Having knowledge of what to expect during this transition and how to best plan for it can enhance student athletes ability to transition well out of college.

___ Attend the CareerAthletes.com workshop presented through Vickery Hall.

The Clemson University Athletic Department partners with Career Athletes to assist student athletes in learning to sell the experiences they have had as a Division I student athlete. These workshops give student athletes an opportunity to hear from professionals outside of the Clemson Athletic Department and Michelin Career Center.

___ Attend a company informational session conducted on campus

Attending a company information session enables student athletes to obtain about a specific company that will help them in their job search. Learning how to ask questions and obtain knowledge about companies in an individual's field of interest is an important skill. This informational session gives student athletes experience interacting with professionals in a more informal environment than an interview.

___ Attend a workshop at the Michelin Career Center other than the Prepare for the Career Fair Workshop

#If you attend two workshops at the MCC the additional workshop can make up for a missed item in one of the two prior career areas

The Michelin Career Center offers a variety of workshops throughout the year on topics ranging from planning for graduate school to marketing your leadership skills in the workplace. Student athletes are required to attend a workshop of their choice sponsored by the Michelin Career Center to enhance their career development and job searching skills.

___ Complete some type of work experience during your collegiate career at Clemson University. Whether it is an internship, co-op, summer job, volunteer experience, or shadowing experience, students are provided SACE credit. These types of experiences provide students with an inside look of the industry that they are interested in working one day.