

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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Bay Path's focus on leadership, communication, and technology is integrated into its unique model for career development. Career goals for adult students enrolled in TAWC programs are discussed in detail during the admissions process and reexamined several times over the course of the program, especially through the WELL curriculum. The electives, general education courses, and major requirements built into each degree program ensure that students gain real world experience and career direction within their chosen career field as they move through their degree program.

Bay Path University recognizes the important links between theoretical knowledge in a major and the actual application of such knowledge in the world of work. Class projects for community businesses and organizations, practitioner professors who introduce students to a variety of careers, interactive simulations, and student teaching all contribute to career planning and preparation. Courses also include various career assessments, resume reviews, interviewing skills, and leadership development opportunities. Our goal is to help TAWC students develop the skills and competencies needed to succeed in their chosen fields and to help them find the resources they need to get good career information and make good career decisions. You will be empowered to manage your own career successfully over the course of your life.

## Sullivan Career and Life Planning Center (SCLP)

The Sullivan Career Life and Planning Center (SCLP) team realizes that a successful college experience involves blending personal development, academic learning, work experience and effective career planning. We are all unique. As a result, career and life planning at Bay Path is customized and personal. We help students acquire the self-knowledge and competencies that today's world needs, such as strong leadership skills, creative and critical thinking, excellent communication skills, the ability to work independently and as part of a team, and the drive to make a positive difference. The Sullivan Career and Life Planning Center is a resource to empower students to cultivate their passion, purpose and potential.

## Career & Networking

Networking is essential! Each year, students are invited to attend a Career & Networking event in their major field of study. Panels comprised of professionals working in various career paths within the major present on a range of topics, followed by your chance to engage in dialogue with panelists in small groups.

## Career Coaching: Leveraging Your Best

The SCLP career coaches are experts in helping students discover creative ways to engage their passions, articulate their purpose and help them begin to develop their true potential. Students are assigned a personal career coach when they join our community as a first year student. This career coach stays with a student throughout their program, guiding them to have next steps firmly in place at graduation. We give students the resources to build a well-grounded perspective that empowers them to proactively create their future.

## Internships: Hands-on, Real-World Experience

Employers value experience in related fields, and these experiences increase a student's employability and graduate school admission, as well as enhance their resume, provide career exploration, and build professional networks. The career coach and faculty advisor can strategically help match a student with an internship experience to give them what they need for future success—a next step in creating a powerful career story.

## Carpe Diem Career Network

Bay Path's Carpe Diem Career Network is proud to partner with Handshake, a cutting-edge career network and recruiting platform for college students and young alumni, including the over 20,000 current students and alumni from Bay Path University.

## Strategies for Personal and Career Success

Students register for WEL 350 Strategies for Career and Personal Growth focusing on career reflection, exploration, and planning. You will create a model career portfolio, including a personal statement, a polished cover letter and resume, a LinkedIn profile, and professional references. Blended into the curriculum is attention to skill building and practice, including learning research, interviewing, negotiating and networking skills.