

Career and Professional Development

The **Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD)** provides career support to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students and alumni through career preparation services, advanced technology, and comprehensive career resources. Guided by career development methodologies and professional competencies promoted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) and the National Career Development Association (NCDA), the Center's team of dedicated career development advisors assists non-residential students and alumni develop professional skills that complement their academic programs and prepare them for success in a global workforce.

Students are strongly encouraged to engage with the Center upon matriculation to develop an individualized career strategy, explore available career resources, and activate their Handshake profile, the University's career services platform. Although job placement services are not provided, the Center supports students in preparing for professional opportunities aligned with their academic backgrounds and career goals. Students are also encouraged to participate in cooperative education and internships through the COIN Program, STEM conferences, academic presentations, and other experiential learning opportunities to strengthen their professional competencies and gain valuable industry experience.

Embry-Riddle hosts multiple annual in-person and virtual Industry Career Expos, connecting students and alumni with employers across aviation, aerospace, STEM, and related industries. CCPD also provides opportunities for student-employer engagement and professional networking to host employer site visits, virtual sessions, and other career-focused activities beyond the traditional classroom environment. For additional information, visit the Embry-Riddle Center for Career and Professional Development (<https://careerservices.erau.edu/>) page.