Small Group Job Search

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Northeastern University
University Career Services
Goals of this Session

○ Present success strategies for international students
  ▹ Understanding the basics of American job searching
  ▹ Matching skills and experience to job
  ▹ Talking to people-connecting

○ Review job search resources
  ▹ University Career Services resources
  ▹ Other resources
Challenges for International Students

- The economy
- Some challenges always exist
  - Federal Government, Defense Contractors, etc.
- Some employers hire students on F-1’s and some don’t
- Visa status – can you explain yours?
- Work experience – get it if you possibly can
Typical American Style Job Search

- Target employers/jobs to apply to
- Apply to jobs (Resume & Cover Letter)
- Interview
  - Phone interview
  - On-site interview
    - 1 on 1, Group, Panel, Multi-stage, etc.
- Receive offer
- Salary negotiation
- Accept or reject the offer
Job Search Skills

- **Learn the relevant skills** – review our job search handouts for relevant information
- **Prepare** – materials, research employers, learn interview skills
- **Position** yourself starting now!
  - Polish and practice your spoken English
  - Observe Americans interacting – learn nuances
  - Join student groups, professional associations, clubs
- **Use Career Services resources** to learn more: workshops, walk-ins, appointments
Matching Skills and Experience to the Job

- Employers hire people for their skills

  - Read job descriptions carefully– make sure your resume reflects your skills accurately and shows that you have what employers want

  - If the match between your skills/experience and what “they” want is not strong, do not apply for that job

  - Focus your energy on jobs where the match is good!
Connecting with People

- This is called networking – being in touch with others
  - to increase your knowledge of your field, companies, types of jobs
  - to find out about opportunities
  - to get referrals, in some cases
- Who is in your network?
- How do you use and expand your network?
  - Resources: handouts on Informational Interviewing, Using LinkedIn, alumni of NU, LinkedIn Labs
Job Search Resources

• Career Services Resources
  o HuskyCareerLink –
    ▪ On-Campus Recruiting – graduating students
    ▪ Jobs database
    ▪ Employer database
    ▪ Upload resumes – publish
    ▪ Review job descriptions – look for visa requirements
  o Interview Stream
  o Going Global
  o Career Fair – list of employers, tips on website
  o Career Services workshops - calendar
Other Resources

  - For finding companies and jobs

- **Industry specific job search sites**
  - Jobsinthemoney.com
  - Dice.com
  - Idealist.org
Using This Information

- Questions?

- Further help
  - Review website and handouts
  - Daily walk in hours 2-4 pm
  - Appointments – use myNEU, Career Services tab
    - **Please remember**...American appointments start promptly at the time of the appointment, not sometime in the time slot! At 4 pm for an appointment that goes from 4 to 5 pm.