Christopher Newport University (CNU) recognizes career planning as a critical component in the education of its students. CNU provides opportunities and support to engage students in exploring, discovering, evaluating and choosing academic programs and careers. Committed to the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service within a liberal learning environment, CNU understands the importance of preparing its students to become leaders and active participants in a global setting. The Center for Career Planning (CCP) supports students’ transition to CNU in the clarification of academic focus and in the successful translation of credentials as preparation for graduate school and/or their career paths. From Setting Sail through Commencement and beyond, CCP career coaches encourage students to participate in programs and activities that assist them in making educated career decisions, developing career-related skills, and pursuing graduate study and/or professional employment. The Center also facilitates collaboration among students, alumni, employers, faculty, graduate school recruiters, and the community in developing a diverse global network, which supports attainment of students’ career goals.

**Career Development Topics:**
- Academic Major Choice
- Career Exploration
- Interest and Personality Type Assessment
- Internship and Job Search
- Graduate School Planning
- Interview Preparation
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Networking

**Developing a Diverse Global Network:**
- CNU Career Connect, Online Recruitment Database
- Employer Site Visits
- Alumni Networking Opportunities
- Employer & Graduate School Information Sessions and Tables
- Career and Industry Panels
- LinkedIn Training
- Web-based Job Search Resources
- Career Center Library
- Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fairs
- On-Campus Interviews

**Assistance for CNU Alumni:**
- Career related appointments on campus or by phone
- Access to CNU Career Connect

All academically qualified CNU students are encouraged to participate in study abroad, and may do so for a full academic year, a semester, or during the extended summer session. Participation in any study abroad endeavor must be approved by university officials. Students may study for a semester or for a full year through CNU programs, partnerships or affiliations; through direct application to a university overseas; or through other approved sponsoring universities or organizations. Coursework earned through non-CNU program providers must be approved prior to the study abroad term. CNU faculty lead a number of outstanding short term programs during summer session. Students are eligible to participate in these programs if they:

- demonstrate good academic and social standing at the University;
- are 18 years or older by the first day of the intended semester or summer abroad;
- enroll in and complete the associated course.

Financial Aid may be available to students who participate in a study abroad semester or academic year. The Office of Financial Aid will guide students in processing aid, but early planning is a must. The student should schedule an appointment with the Office of Financial Aid as early as possible in the study abroad planning process.