



**CENTER for  
CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT**  
CAREER. PURPOSE. CALLING.

## MISSION

The mission of Anderson University Center for Career Development is to connect students with opportunities to explore career paths and develop marketable career readiness competencies that allow them to optimize their knowledge and skills toward the development of their God-given potential.

CCD accomplishes this through strategic partnerships with the Academic Colleges in order to educate and encourage students in career professional development through engagement in self-assessment, workshops, presentations, career fairs, and networking events.



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Anderson University is home to 3,500 students and is located in Anderson, South Carolina.

## CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES

Through strategic partnerships with Academic Colleges, CCD strives to provide opportunities for students to develop seven career readiness competencies through a distinctly Christian lens so that students are equipped to fulfill the development of their God-given potential. These seven career readiness competencies draw upon the AU Common Learning Goals and National Association of Colleges and Employers Career Readiness Competencies.

- 1 **CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS:**  
Inquiry, Analysis And Creative Problem-Solving
- 2 **INFORMATION LITERACY**
- 3 **TECHNOLOGICAL AND DIGITAL LITERACY**
- 4 **WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- 5 **PROFESSIONAL PREPAREDNESS, INTERPERSONAL AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- 6 **COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK DYNAMICS**
- 7 **INTERCULTURAL AND DIVERSITY AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING**

## AU PRO

AU PRO will:

- » Provide opportunities for student growth in written and oral communication skills and developing the characteristics of an overall professional image
- » Be co-curricular in nature
- » Engage the lens of the servant leader as it builds capacity for the outer signifiers of professionalism

## TWO-PART STRUCTURE

### Signature Series

The Signature Series provides concentrated instruction and practice on specific career readiness competencies.

- Year One Written Communication Skills
- Year Two Professional Image
- Year Three Oral Communication Skills

### AU PRO Events

AU PRO Events, coordinated by discipline-specific academic liaisons, will provide students with opportunities to network with and learn from alumni and industry leaders in ways unique to their discipline. AU PRO events might include career fairs, networking events, panel seminars, workshops, and job-site tours and training.