First Destination Report 2017
The Center for Career & Professional Development

Career Learning Cycle

The mission of Lehigh’s Center for Career & Professional Development (CCPD) is to provide career education and connections that support student success. We fulfill this mission by actively developing opportunities for students to connect with employer partners and alumni through externships, internships, on-campus interviews, career expos and more. Our career coaching team is aligned with the three undergraduate colleges to deliver customized career education and connections.

The career learning cycle is a simple way to help you think about and plan your future. The CCPD uses a four-year learning cycle that helps students take charge of their career development.

EXPLORE: Ask big questions, and explore and participate in activities that will help you develop an understanding of how your strengths, skills, interests and values relate to your choice of a major and career.

DEVELOP SKILLS: Build effective skills and your personal brand, and develop the tools and strategies needed to secure an internship or full-time position.

GAIN EXPERIENCE: Try things through capstone projects, research, study abroad and leadership opportunities, as well as internships, externships or a co-op position.

BUILD CONNECTIONS AND NETWORK: Build connections and network, seek information and advice about career paths and work with the CCPD team to develop a strategy.

12,000+ interactions with CCPD programs and resources

6,906 attendees at career education events and programs

2,468 one-on-one career coaching appointments

2,754 interviews with employers on campus

4,295 full-time positions posted (and 1,011 co-ops and internships)
Undergraduate Outcomes Summary

96%
of the class of 2017 are employed or attending graduate school within 6 months of graduation

$61K
average starting salary

88%
of our students completed one or more internships or an experiential learning opportunity

80K
graduates in the Lehigh alumni network

422
unique employers hired Lehigh students

70%
Employed

25%
Graduate School
includes Lehigh President’s Scholars. Under this program, students who graduate with a GPA of 3.75 or higher may qualify to take a fifth year of classes tuition free

1%
Other
includes volunteer service programs, military and non-employment by choice

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Still Seeking

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P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science

Undergraduate Outcomes

- 96% are employed or attending graduate school within 6 months of graduation
- 73% Employed
- 16% Graduate School
- 4% Still Seeking
- 7% President’s Scholar

Top Employers

Deloitte
EY
ExxonMobil
GE
Google
IBM
KPMG
Lockheed Martin
Lutron
Merck
Microsoft
Pratt & Whitney
PwC
Sanofi Pasteur
W. L. Gore

Top Industries

- Accounting 10%
- Financial Services 9%
- Defense 9%
- Management Consulting 7%
- Engineering Services 6%

Average Starting Salaries

- Bioengineering $59,607
- Chemical Engineering $64,955
- Civil Engineering $61,966
- Computer Engineering $87,167
- Computer Science (EN) $77,792
- Electrical Engineering $73,946
- Environmental Engineering $58,400
- Industrial & Systems Engineering $64,471
- Materials Science & Engineering $66,911
- Mechanical Engineering $60,563

INTERCOLLEGIATE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS:
- Computer Science & Business (CSB) $79,850
- Integrated Business & Engineering (IBE) $72,580
- Integrated Degree in Engineering, Arts & Sciences (IDEAS) $65,167
College of Business and Economics

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Top Employers

Amazon
Axtria
Bank of America
Merrill Lynch
BlackRock
CitiGroup
Cushman & Wakefield
Deloitte
EY
JPMorgan Chase
Johnson & Johnson
KPMG
Morgan Stanley
Prudential
PwC
Vitech Systems Group

Top Industries

Financial Services 28%
Accounting 24%
Management Consulting 7%
Technology 5%
Marketing/Advertising/PR 5%

Average Starting Salaries

Accounting $62,571
Business Information Systems $60,628
Economics $64,100
Finance $63,341
Management $45,660
Marketing $48,318
Supply Chain Management $60,978

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**Top Employers**

- Capital One
- CBS
- CitiGroup
- Clean Water Action
- IBM
- Lutron
- National Institutes of Health
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital
- NYC Department of Environmental Protection
- PBS
- People Magazine
- Regeneron
- Teach For America
- United Nations Department of Public Information
- United States Department of Defense

**Top Industries**

- Education: 8%
- Healthcare/Hospitals: 8%
- Technology: 7%
- Media/Entertainment: 7%
- Environmental Services: 5%

**Average Starting Salaries**

- Arts & Humanities: $41,931
- Interdisciplinary Programs: $43,800
- Math & Natural Sciences: $46,420
- Social Sciences: $43,439

**INTERCOLLEGIATE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS:**

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Graduate and Professional Schools and Fields of Study

- 36% Engineering
- 15% Health Professions
- 8% Humanities & Social Sciences
- 4% Law
- 4% Math & Computer Science
- 5% Natural Sciences
- 22% Business
- 5% Education
- 1% Art & Design

88% of ’17 Lehigh graduates who applied to allopathic medical schools* were accepted with 3.71 GPAs/84th percentile MCAT scores (which were the national averages)

93% of Lehigh applicants received acceptances to law school on average in the last 3 years*

*the 3-year national average is 77%

Graduate Matriculation: Partial Listing

Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Boston University School of Medicine
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Imperial College Business School
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
McGill University
New York University
Northwestern University
The Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rutgers University
Seton Hall University
School of Law
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Stanford University
Temple University
Beasley School of Law
University of California
Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Michigan
University of Nottingham
University of Pennsylvania Law School
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Of the 1,164 bachelor’s degree recipients, verifiable data was obtained for 85% of the graduates. Outcome data for the class of 2017 includes students who received bachelor’s degrees between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017.