What is WCU Shadows?
WCU Shadows provides students with an opportunity to learn about different careers by shadowing West Chester University alumni who are working in a variety of industries. Exploring career fields is an important part of the career development process. Job shadowing is an excellent way to explore career fields and gain further information about key skills, job responsibilities, work environments, and more. The purpose of the program is to provide students with a realistic understanding of the world of work to help with their career decision-making process.

Why should you participate?
WCU Shadows offers students a new way to explore and learn about career options. Through in-person conversations and hands-on activities, students get to see a “day in the life” of professionals. Students are encouraged to set their own goals for the shadowing experience, and each experience will be structured differently to best meet the needs of the participants. Activities may include going on tours, having lunch with professionals, attending meetings, observing organizational projects and procedures, having Q&A sessions, and more. Students will benefit from gaining career advice and developing a strong relationship with professionals.

Who is eligible?
WCU Shadows is open to all second-year students (30-59 credits). Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. All students must be in good academic standing with the university.

When & where does it happen?
WCU Shadows will take place over the winter session. Once participants are selected and connect with their alumni hosts, a specific date will be set based on both parties’ availability. Job shadows take place at various locations, depending on the professional and their organization. You can identify your career interests when you complete your application, and we do our best to match you with alumni who work within a reasonable distance from you.

How do you apply?
Applications are available through Ram Career Network. Log-in to your account, select the “Jobs and Internships” tab, and search “WCU Shadows”. Applicants must follow all application instructions and submit both their resume and an additional document responding to brief questions to identify their shadowing preferences and goals for participating in the program.

Want more information?
Please contact Kate Shellaway, Assistant Director of Career Development Center by phone: 610.436.2501 or email: kshellaway@wcupa.edu.

WCU Shadows is co-sponsored by the Career Development Center and the Office of Alumni Relations. If you are an alum interested in hosting a student, click here for more information!