There may be no one-size-fits-all equation for success, but at Merrimack we think we’ve found all the right ingredients. With our targeted degree programs, exceptional support services, and experiential learning opportunities, you’ll find everything you need to pave your path, secure a fulfilling job, and **thrive once you get there.**
Career readiness starts here.

We get it. A degree is only as good as where it can take you. That’s why our academic programs are strategically designed to help you build the skills and knowledge that today’s employers want.

Whether you want to build brands, manage big data, advance biomedical research, train professional athletes, or design resilient structures, your course of study will prepare you to thrive in your chosen profession—equipping you not only with the technical skills you need to land the job but with the critical thinking and problem-solving abilities required to excel.

In addition to our career-focused curriculum, Merrimack provides hands-on learning opportunities, like internships and study abroad programs, and an unparalleled array of career resources and wraparound services that are designed to complement your degree and set you up for a lifetime of success.

The secret is out. All across the country, an increasing number of students—and their parents—are choosing a Merrimack education. Over the past six years, Merrimack has seen a 120% increase in undergraduate applications, and the total student population has grown by 72%.
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SUCCEED.

When it comes to applying for jobs after graduation, having hands-on experience on your resume can make all the difference. After all, what better way to show potential employers your drive and ambition than with relevant, real-world experience?

At Merrimack, you can take your education (and resume) to the next level by taking part in one or more of our exciting experiential learning opportunities:

- Internships
- Co-ops
- Study abroad
- Service learning
- Undergraduate research
- Field experiences

Results that speak for themselves

Both inside and outside the classroom, your Merrimack experience prepares you to enter (and thrive in) the workplace—and we have the data to prove it.

95% CAREER OUTCOMES RATE

Within nine months of graduation, 95% of the class of 2016 was employed full- or part-time, participating in a program of voluntary service, serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, or enrolled in a program of continuing education.

20% OF THE CLASS OF 2016 ENROLLED IN GRAD SCHOOL, INCLUDING PROGRAMS AT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

- Boston College
- Brown University
- Georgetown University
- Lesley University
- MCPHS University
- Merrimack College
- MGH Institute of Health Professions
- New England School of Law
- Northeastern University
- Tufts University
- University of Connecticut
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Villanova University
YOUR CAREER IS OUR PRIORITY.

Landing a rewarding career—that’s both professionally and personally fulfilling—takes more than passion. That’s why we have the O’Brien Center for Career Development. Your hub for all things job-related, the O’Brien Center provides access to incredible career resources and services all aimed at one thing: helping you secure the position you want. If you need it to prepare for your career, you’ll find it at the O’Brien Center—from on-campus recruiting opportunities and interview practice sessions to job listings and networking events.

Part of college is figuring out what you want to do once you graduate. At the O’Brien Center, our career advisors are here to help you navigate the process—which might just involve changes in majors or interests along the way. From internships to research opportunities, they’ll help you craft your perfect resume (and cover letter), connect you with job opportunities through the Merrimack alumni network, and answer all those oh-so-important questions about how to choose a career—and how to land a job once you’ve decided.

JEAN HURTADO ’16
Major: Electrical Engineering
Job: Electronic Engineer, Naval Undersea Warfare Center

Having grown up in a non-English-speaking home, Jean Hurtado found interviewing with prospective employers a daunting prospect. At the O’Brien Center, where he was a frequent visitor, he learned crucial interviewing skills that gave him the confidence he needed to take advantage of networking opportunities. It was during an on-campus information session that he met electrical engineering alum Esther Thatcher. Through this connection, Jean landed a job at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, where he works as an electronic engineer in the Combat Systems department.

MEET SAMANTHA MCGURGAN
Career Advisor, School of Health Sciences

All-star career advisor Samantha McGurgan specializes in postmodern approaches to career counseling, individual and group counseling, and success coaching. Through these processes, she helps Merrimack students identify and pursue careers that leverage their strengths and interests. “My goal is to support Merrimack’s students in their self-discovery. By reflecting on their values, interests, and strengths, they, in turn, become more self-aware and confident in their career decisions,” she says.

Introducing the Arcidi Center!
The O’Brien Center for Career Development will soon have a new home in the 16,000 square-foot Dr. Alfred L. Arcidi Center. Located on the edge of campus, it will serve as the hub for all career-related services and resources.

Samantha’s top tips
• Make an appointment with your career advisor.
• Become familiar with Advantage, our career database.
• Meet industry experts by attending a career fair.
• Drop into the Career Lab and get help creating a rock-solid resume.
• Take advantage of opportunities to network with Merrimack alums.
PAIGE SORENSEN ’19
Major: Environmental Studies
Job: Program Development & Community Engagement Intern, Groundwork Lawrence
While attending Merrimack and playing on the women’s varsity ice hockey team, Paige has always been focused on her future. To that end, she has worked with the O’Brien Center to articulate her career path and pursue real-world opportunities—including the Yawkey internship program. Paige was selected to work as a development and community engagement intern at Groundwork Lawrence, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting environmental, economic, and social well-being. The role allowed Paige to positively impact the community and solidify her career interests.

“I found myself drawn to the Environmental Improvement team’s work, as I’ve become increasingly interested in the scientific aspects of environmental studies, as compared to the educational or sociological facets,” she says.

BRIAN MILLS ’18
Major: Communication & Media
Job: Digital Media Intern, Central Catholic High School
Over the course of his Merrimack career, Brian has worked with the O’Brien Center to discover his strengths, define his career path, and pursue real-world opportunities—including the Yawkey internship program. Brian was selected as a Yawkey intern, working in digital media at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. For 10 weeks, he worked with a mentor to help create a social media marketing strategy and design advertising content. In this rewarding role, Brian was not only able to positively impact the community; he also gained valuable marketing skills and experience that will give him an edge in the job market. “Central Catholic entrusted me with a lot of important responsibilities. In working hard to exceed their expectations, I learned a variety of new professional skills and gained confidence in my own abilities in the process,” he says.

Take advantage of corporate partnerships.
Put your knowledge into action—and establish invaluable connections—by getting involved in high-level, sought-after internships and co-ops with our reputable corporate partners, such as Pfizer, Putnam Investments, and Watts Water Technologies. One of our most recent partnerships is the Yawkey Nonprofit Undergraduate Internship Program, where students grow their marketing, communication, program development, and advocacy skills through paid internships at local nonprofits.

The O’Brien Center for Career Development’s guided professional roadmap helps you prepare for the future, experience meaningful career opportunities, and launch into the professional world beyond Merrimack.

HOW:
• You’ll be assigned a school-specific advisor to ensure that your experience is tailored to your goals and objectives.

HOW:
• Participate in school-specific (and industry-specific) networking events on campus.
• Attend a Career Fair or Professional Development Retreat.
• Access the Merrimack job and internship database, which is packed with opportunities, covering all majors and professional interests.

HOW:
• Jump-start your career with access to alumni industry leaders and exclusive opportunities to connect with top employers.

HOW:
• Research career options
• Draft resume or cover letter
• Build personal brand

EXPERIENCE
• Network
• Land internships

PREPARE
• Research career options
• Draft resume or cover letter
• Build personal brand

LAUNCH
• Negotiate job offers
• Select graduate program

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DEVELOP YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS. MAKE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS.

The technical skills you gain at Merrimack will go a long way in preparing you for life after graduation. But today’s employers want more. They’re also looking for exemplary problem solvers, outside-the-box thinkers, and first-rate communicators. In short, they’re seeking individuals with soft skills—people who can adapt to the unexpected, work with and relate well to others, and consistently obtain results.

The importance of soft skills
• 85% of job success comes from well-developed soft and people skills
• 77% of employers believe soft skills are just as important as hard skills
• 59% of hiring managers reported that candidates with the right soft skills are hard to find

1 Research by Harvard University, the Carnegie Foundation, and Stanford University
2 Survey by CareerBuilder
3 Survey by LinkedIn

“It’s not only technical skills that make you successful. The ability to communicate, to negotiate, and to persuade is an enormously important skill for the future. At Merrimack, not only do we teach technical skills, we also teach students how to think, engage, and be thoughtful. These are the soft skills that employers value.”

Dr. Christopher Hopey
President, Merrimack College
Get job-ready at our Professional Development Retreat.

To equip you with a full array of market-ready skills and capabilities, Merrimack created the Professional Development Retreat. This unique two-day event (offered to upperclassmen) complements your course of study by providing you with the knowledge, skills, and connections you need to thrive in the professional world.

At the Professional Development Retreat, you’ll focus on cultivating valuable professional skills, including the following:

- Communication
- Presentation skills
- Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Creativity
- Problem solving

You’ll also have a chance to meet and network with Merrimack alumni who are well-respected industry leaders—hailing from companies like PwC, Goldman Sachs, Raytheon, Bose, and Oracle. In our targeted networking sessions, you’ll forge valuable connections that could open doors to your future career.

“The retreat helped me realize my strengths so I can better market myself in the professional world.”
Olivia Ciccarelli ’18
Business Administration Major
Marketing Concentration

“All the alumni were very generous with their advice and time, and really wanted to see every student succeed, both personally and professionally.”
Kelly Hartlage ’18
Communication & Media Major

ALUMNI AND PARTNERS FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WERE PRESENT:

- AECOM
- Bose Corporation
- Brightcove
- Deloitte Tax LLP
- Energy New England
- Fidelity Investments
- Fordham University School of Law
- Guggenheim Investments
- Heidrick & Struggles
- Hologic
- Markley Group
- Mercer
- Newmark Knight Frank
- Oracle Corporation
- Patriot Energy Group
- PwC
- Rockland Trust
- SFJ Pharmaceuticals Group
- State Street Corporation
- Tamr Inc.
- Westwood Global Investments LLC
- Whittler Health Network

“The Professional Development Retreat is a game changer—helping prepare students for today’s workplace by having college staff and alumni work with them to develop skills that ignite their confidence in public speaking, interviewing, and networking.”
Jim Scammon ’83
Chief Financial Officer
Bose Corporation
Five schools, 100+ degree programs, endless opportunities.

Your career goals are likely to be as unique as you are. But with our five schools and 100+ degree programs, we’re confident you’ll find the academic path that’s right for you.

Each of our schools boasts career-focused curricula and distinguished faculty who will equip you with the critical thinking abilities, technical know-how, and in-demand skills you need to excel both in the classroom and on the job.

With a Merrimack degree on your resume, you’ll find a wide variety of exciting employment options awaiting you after graduation—and you’ll be prepared to meet those opportunities head-on.
93% career outcome rate
Hiring companies:
• AECOM
• Amazon Robotics
• Department of Public Health
• Methuen Construction
• Pfizer Inc.
• PROCON
• Raytheon
• VHB Inc.

94% career outcome rate
Hiring companies:
• Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
• Brigham and Women’s Hospital
• Converse College
• Johns Hopkins University
• Massachusetts General Hospital
• United States Naval Academy
• Walgreens
• Whittier Health Network

97% career outcome rate
Hiring companies:
• BAE Systems
• Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
• Dell EMC
• Epsilon
• Ernst & Young
• Fidelity Investments
• John Hancock
• JPMorgan Chase & Co.
• The Kraft Group
• Lowell Spinners
• Morgan Stanley
• PwC
• Putnam Investments
• State Street Corporation

92% career outcome rate
Hiring companies:
• Bedford Public Schools
• Boys & Girls Club
• Department of Child & Family Services
• Drug Enforcement Administration
• Lawrence Public Schools
• Methuen Public Schools
• Securitas Security Services USA
• Youth Villages

95% career outcome rate
Hiring companies:
• Boston Magazine
• Dell Technologies
• Gillette Stadium
• Middlesex District Attorney
• National Geographic Partners
• Philips
• U.S. Department of State
• Vinfen

“Helping students understand, and then articulate, their value to employers and graduate schools prepares them to navigate not only their first job but their second, third, fourth, and fifth.”

Courtney Luongo
Assistant Vice President and Executive Director
O’Brien Center for Career Development

67%)
TEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, OUR ALUMNI SALARIES ARE 67% HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

*U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard
During his time at Merrimack, Dylan Serra took advantage of the resources in the O’Brien Center to line up exciting internships at Teradyne, RDK Engineering, and Raytheon. These professional experiences not only provided him with relevant hands-on skills; they also helped him secure his current position as a field engineer at Gemma Power Systems. Always striving to improve, Dylan is pursuing a master’s degree in mechanical engineering at (where else?) Merrimack College.

When she wasn’t studying or running on the women’s cross country team, Kerry Phelan leveraged Merrimack’s career resources and took full advantage of experiential opportunities, including internships, the Warrior Network alumni mentorship program, and the Professional Development Retreat. Through these experiences, she gained the skills and confidence she needed to become a patient services coordinator at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she’s able to put her education into action, every single day.

During his time at Merrimack, track athlete Anthony DeAngelo participated in an accounting co-op, working full-time at Sullivan Bille, PC during the height of tax season, followed by one month of intensive courses. From the beginning, he was treated as a first-year staff accountant, preparing income tax returns and auditing balance sheets and income statements. Due in large part to this on-the-job experience, Anthony was chosen for a coveted internship with PwC, which he parlayed into a full-time position as a tax accountant after graduation.

While completing her undergraduate degree, Kate Culverhouse was able to pursue her passion for teaching by participating in pre-practicums at Pentucket Lake Elementary in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Rita Miller School in Westford, Massachusetts. With both experiences reaffirming her interest in teaching, she enrolled in the master’s-level Teacher Education Fellowship program at Merrimack. Having earned her master’s in English as a second language in 2017, Kate is putting her skills and knowledge to good use (in a career that she loves) as a third-grade teacher.

Sports enthusiast Angelica Medina completed several internships during her undergraduate years, including one with Merrimack’s athletics department. Working with the O’Brien Center, she refined her job search strategies and learned to promote her real-world experience to potential employers. After graduation, she was hired as a production assistant for ESPN, where she prepares game highlights for distribution across social media channels and other digital platforms.
Learn anything. Go anywhere.

Want to learn more about where a Merrimack education can take you? Check out merrimack.edu/outcomes to discover the many ways your Merrimack experience can jump-start your career before you even graduate.