

Meaningful Work Survey -- Warren Wilson College's Career Services (N = 291) -- December, 2006

Rank	Item	Mean	Area
1	Work that fits your preferences (interests, skills, values, personality)	3.76	INFO
2	Grants, scholarships, fellowships to fund your dreams	3.74	INFO
3	Getting my resume into the hands of hiring organizations	3.58	OPPS
4	Locate organizations that share your values	3.53	TOOLS
5	Access a database with info on internships, careers, jobs, etc	3.52	TOOLS
6	Getting help with resumes and cover letters	3.50	OPPS
7	Interviewing with hiring organizations upon graduation	3.50	OPPS
8	Summer internship opportunities (comment below if you like)	3.49	INFO
9	Learn how to locate reliable information on occupations	3.47	TOOLS
10	Summer job opportunities (comment below if you like)	3.45	INFO
11	Use effective job search strategies	3.45	TOOLS
12	Organizations who hire Warren Wilson graduates	3.40	INFO
13	Document work & service experiences as you go -- in web portfolio -- so information for resume readily available	3.39	TOOLS
14	International job opportunities upon graduation	3.34	INFO
15	Evaluate job offers (e.g., lifestyle, tradeoffs, etc.)	3.34	TOOLS
16	Navigate life transitions after Warren Wilson (relocation issues, making ends meet, etc.)	3.33	TOOLS
17	Meet representatives from organizations to learn about career/job opportunities	3.32	MEET
18	Graduate school programs (specify in comments if you like)	3.32	INFO
19	Translate preferences to design your own career path	3.30	TOOLS
20	Hear experts in field describe their careers, what they do / how they did it	3.26	MEET
21	Other job opportunities upon graduation (specify below)	3.25	INFO
22	Preparing for graduate school entrance exams, including access to resources and practice tests	3.25	OPPS
23	What to do with a liberal arts major, i.e., jobs for history majors	3.22	INFO
24	Understand practical, "real-world" value of liberal arts education	3.17	TOOLS
25	Practicing your interviewing skills	3.17	OPPS
26	Assess your preferences (interests, values, skills, personality) and connect them to real career choices	3.15	TOOLS

Useful Information (**INFO**) Tools and Resources (**TOOLS**) Meeting Other People (**MEET**) Professional (**PROF**) Opportunities (**OPPS**)

Scale 4 = Very Important, 3 = Moderately Important, 2 = Slightly Important, 1 = Not Important

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27	Develop your resources/flexibility to prepare you for real-life issues after Wilson	3.15	PROF
28	Decide among equally appealing but different career choices	3.14	TOOLS
29	Extra off-campus work opportunities while you're in school	3.12	INFO
30	Meet privately with experienced professional to sort out confusing career issues	3.11	MEET
31	Evaluate how Warren Wilson meets your needs (now, and as a preparation for your future)	3.07	PROF
32	Network with Warren Wilson graduates to obtain job leads, advice	3.07	MEET
33	Improve your ability to set and achieve your goals	3.05	PROF
34	Understand and apply your gifts and talents consistent with your life philosophy or spiritual beliefs	3.04	PROF
35	Asheville area job opportunities upon graduation	3.01	INFO
36	Job opportunities during semester breaks	2.98	INFO
37	See how skills you use on your crew will transfer to later work	2.98	TOOLS
38	Confront whatever external realities and/or internal conflicts you may face so you're even more inspired to get on with your life	2.98	PROF
39	Feel more control over your destiny and more empowered to make it your own	2.98	PROF
40	Attending a workshop to learn job search strategies, resume-writing or interviewing tips	2.96	OPPS
41	Access a database of Warren Wilson graduates willing to help with advice, information	2.95	TOOLS
42	Discover meaning and purpose for your life's work	2.92	PROF
43	Draw on your imagination to envision a more optimistic future and life of work	2.92	PROF
44	Examine/Analyze your comfort zone; find ways/create opportunities to expand it	2.92	PROF
45	Attending a workshop to learn how to use preferences to connect with real occupations or to get help deciding	2.91	OPPS
46	Make sense of new experiences and realize their impact on you and your future	2.80	PROF
47	Hear recent graduates describe their careers, what they do / how they did it	2.75	MEET
48	Learn how other people discovered their purpose or found a calling	2.74	MEET
49	View internet Bios on Warren Wilson graduates with brief stories on where they are, what they do	2.67	TOOLS
50	Identify issues that inhibit you from taking work seriously	2.64	PROF
51	Hear and learn from other students struggling with the same identity or career concerns (Who am I? Where am I going?)	2.57	MEET
52	Working on career services crew to help students access information and services	2.19	OPPS

For more information on the Meaningful Work Survey and Career Services, contact Bates Canon, 828-771-3033, bcanon@warren-wilson.edu