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Applications Now Open for CareerSource Central Florida's 2021 Summer Youth Program

Program Aims to Offer 1,500 Young Adults in Central Florida Access to College Experiences, Training Opportunities, and Paid Internships

Orlando, Fla. — CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF), Florida's second largest regional workforce board, has opened applications for its annual Summer Youth Program, which helps 1,500 young adults in high school (ages 15-19) gain exposure to college experiences and multiple career pathways in high-growth industries, receive professional internships, and take part in specialized career training. The application for young adults who reside in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter Counties is now open, and students are encouraged to apply at CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com/Summer-Youth.

"Each year, we look forward to hosting our Summer Youth Program, aimed at connecting young adults to valuable experiences ranging from paid internships and specialized training to college campus tours and hands-on projects – all while earning wages and incentives during the summer," said Mimi Coenen, Chief Operating Officer, CareerSource Central Florida. "Together, with our education partners and local businesses, we provide young adults with meaningful opportunities to help them achieve a bright and prosperous future."

This year's Summer Youth Program readiness tracks offers a hybrid of virtual and in-person activities designed for students and young professionals who are beginning their college and career journeys. Each program features exclusive access to complimentary resources and customized career support.

- The **Explore Track** helps demystify college and enables prospective students to tour Valencia College and Orange Technical College while exploring career options in their field of interest. Students gain exposure to multiple career pathways in high-growth industries while participating in four weeks of classroom training and hands-on projects.
- The **Experience Track** provides students with a paid internship of up to five weeks in high-demand fields while gaining hands-on experience. Students receive training and mentorship from seasoned professionals and learn about team building, financial literacy, work readiness, and more.
- The **Accelerate Track** offers students and aspiring young professionals the ability to gain industry experience and build a professional resume in four weeks. Through specialized training and exposure to certification programs in high-demand industries under the instruction of qualified professionals, students earn stipends for industry certifications and technical milestones. This year's programs include coding, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, culinary, construction, robotics, and artificial intelligence.

To learn more about CSCF's Summer Youth Program and to qualify, visit CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com/Summer-Youth.

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About CareerSource Central Florida

CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) is Florida's second largest regional workforce board that is state and federally funded with an annual operating budget of \$30.5 million. CSCF provides comprehensive services to connect career seekers and local businesses at no cost. Services include screening and hiring talent; employee training and education; paid internships and no cost skills training and education programs. In fiscal year 2019-2020, CSCF served nearly 80,000 career seekers and 4,000 businesses. It helped advance skills for more than 1,800 career seekers and placed more than 6,300 individuals in jobs across Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter Counties. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

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