

Coming Up Next

- **November 20, 2025:** College of Education Career Day (Employer Panels & Career Fair)
- **March 4, 2026:** Career & Internship Fair (university-wide)

If you are interested in attending upcoming career events, tabling on campus or meeting students at Ashland University, reach out to ecp@ashland.edu.

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Campus Feature:

The Dwight Schar College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Ashland University offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing, medical sciences, and health sciences.

It aims to educate students to become healthcare professionals committed to leadership, practice, and service, preparing them for a diverse and changing global healthcare environment. Their values are summarized by ICARE — Integrity; Caring; Accountability; Respect; Excellence.

Key Learning Environments & Facilities

- Simulation Center with realistic labs: adult health, complex care, and community health.
- A Cadaver Lab for anatomy; Messerly Human Performance Lab for cardio / musculoskeletal study; Archer Dietetics Lab for food science and nutrition work.

Strengths & Distinguishing Features

- Flexibility in program options: traditional BSN, accelerated BSN for those with existing bachelor's degrees, RN-to-BSN, graduate certificates, etc.
- Strong clinical and simulation experiences: low instructor-to-student ratios (e.g. 1:8 in clinicals), advanced simulation facilities.
- Delivery modes: many programs offered online, especially at graduate level (e.g. DNP, School Nurse Certificate).
- Support for leadership and policy roles: through tracks like Health Systems Leadership in the DNP program, and courses in leadership, management, ethics, advocacy.

Student Feature: Drake Crumley

” In my first year as a student at Ashland University, I felt genuinely welcomed and was satisfied with the quality of work Ashland’s faculty and staff were willing to put in.

The transparency regarding my expenses and future outlook as a student at this institution was impressive. Programs like the ECP were introduced to me and were surprisingly easy to find with a quick Google search. Attending college required numerous boxes to be checked to ensure I could reasonably pursue a degree, one of those being cost. With the support of the ECP program, I was able to save money that might have otherwise prevented me from attending AU.

I am incredibly grateful for the cooperation with the CCLC and their genuine interest in me as a prospective student. My time at AU has been memorable, and I look forward to continuing my higher education at this institution.



Staff Feature: Introduction to Sarah Likowski



” As the Assistant Director of External Relations at the Career Center for Life Calling, I serve as a bridge between AU students and the professional world. A key aspect of my role is developing meaningful relationships with employers, especially our Eagle Community Partners.

Through our Eagle Community Partners Program, our goal is to provide an experience that is impactful, productive, and mutually beneficial. This collaboration not only provides you and your employees with tuition benefits and development opportunities, but also recruitment support through career fairs, networking, and personalized strategies for your organization.

As an AU alumna and mother of an AU student, it is an honor to support our Eagle Community Partners and help students step confidently into their futures.

Event Recap

The Career Center for Life Calling (CCLC), along with the College of Business & Economics (COBE), hosted the annual **Meet the Accountant Night** event in September. Seventeen employers from public, corporate, government, and nonprofit accounting and finance sectors were present to recruit 70 AU students for summer internships, full, and part-time positions.



COBE Career Day in late September was a collaborative effort with COBE leaders, faculty, and the CCLC. Students attended employer-led professional development panels focused on topics starting your career and confident professional communication, which led into a traditional career fair where students could interact one-on-one with employers. The event hosted 28 employers and brought in nearly 500 unique students.



Handshake What does AI mean for your early talent pipeline?

Takeaways for Employers:

- Don't fear AI—leverage it. Use Gen Z's tech fluency to integrate AI into workflows.
- Update hiring strategies to look for AI-relevant skills, even outside traditional tech roles.
- Entry-level roles are evolving, not disappearing—be ready to redefine expectations.
- Future-readiness = adaptability. Organizations that adopt AI faster, especially by engaging early talent, will lead the pack.

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