



Michael Despeaux

Director of Career Services

828.339.4212

m_despeaux@southwesterncc.edu

Michael brings over two decades of professional experience working at five different colleges or universities. In 2015, an opportunity to build and support a career development program brought him to SCC, and today, he is thrilled to coordinate PEAK, a college-wide commitment to supporting students in their identification of interests, exploration of pathways, attainment of professional knowledge, and ultimate success. Michael's professional interests and areas of expertise include forming partnerships between faculty, employers, and career services programs, resumé writing, and helping students value, develop, and market soft skills.



Jodie Waldroup

Career Counselor

828.339.4424

j_waldroup@southwesterncc.edu

Jodie was born and raised in Western North Carolina, and graduated from SCC with an Associate in Arts Degree in 2011. She attended Western Carolina University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and attended the University of South Carolina to earn a Masters degree in Higher Education. She is excited to use her background in Academic Success and Academic Advising to better serve the students at SCC, and help them identify career pathways that will lead them to long-term success.

SCC career SERVICES

EMPLOYER RELATIONS



Located in **Enrollment Services**
on the first floor of the Balsam Center.



Career Services at SCC offers a robust, comprehensive employer relations program through which local and regional businesses, nonprofits, agencies, and institutions can recruit on campus for part-time, full-time, seasonal, and permanent positions. In addition to regularly-scheduled job fairs and hiring events, we offer a Job Board that targets students and alumni, weekly highlighted job announcements that go out through email and social media, and program-specific interviewing events and professional LinkedIn groups.



Employers can register to participate in our programs and hiring through the SCC Job Board, and join our community of aspiring professionals and job seekers through our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Our Mission includes helping students become successfully employed contributors to the regional community and economy and partnering with employers to offer experiential learning and employment opportunities while meeting the needs of the regional workforce.



PEAK at SCC helps students identify and practice career-related soft skills, plan their career pathways, and positively impact our region throughout their successful professional lives.

Employers can post job openings, review resumés, register for career fairs, join our database, and target a strong pool of applicants in every SCC program, alumni, and the regional public.

Visit www.southwesterncc.edu/career-services/job-board



SCC students use this program early in PEAK to identify career paths, employment opportunities, and academic programs that align with their natural interests and life goals.



Big Interview uses interactive, video-based technology to help students prepare for interviews in every sector of employment, practice their skills, and showcase their qualities as an employee.

Search and see where SCC alumni and students work and connect with the ones you want to hire! www.linkedin.com/school/57004/