

NCC CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT



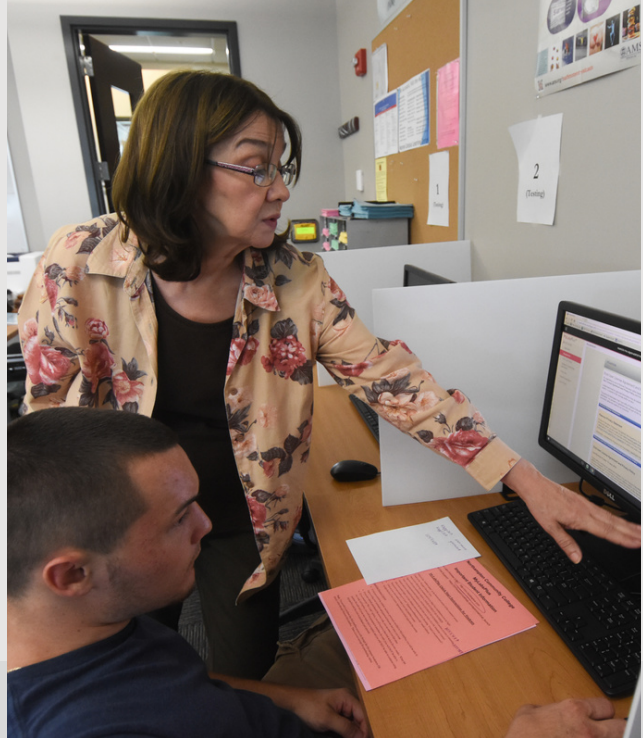
Job Simulators

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What is a Job Simulator?



A job simulator is a virtual work experience. It provides hypothetical projects to students in order to get a sense of the job. These programs are self-guided and can be completed at your own pace. The purpose is to explore industries, test out the waters of the job, and start gaining experience.

Job simulators are found online through platforms, such as [LinkedIn Learning](#). This service includes job simulators in business, arts, and technology. While a great resource, it has a membership fee. NCC's Careers office recommends students to use Forage instead.

What is Forage?

Forage is a job simulator platform that is FREE for students! These virtual learning experiences are created by leading companies, including Visa, Lyft, Red Bull, and more! These programs are to simulate the real-world experience of that particular position. They're designed with the student in mind. This means the projects are entry-level, provides resources throughout the program, and is risk-free.



<https://www.theforage.com/>



Participants will receive a certificate from the company upon completing a project. The participant will not be compensated or offer any type of employment opportunities. These experiences are purely just to practice potential projects, tasks, and responsibilities of that position. Forage does provide guidance on how to include these experiences in a resume.



Forage

The Benefits



Exploration

These job simulators are a great resource for students who are trying to decide which career path to pursue, or even which specific area within an industry. For example, there are many opportunities for a business student, ranging from human resources to marketing to finance



Confidence

You will gain a better understanding of the industry and gain confidence in specific tasks. These programs provide firsthand experience which can provide a better understanding of the job at hand beyond what the classroom can teach. This can help you prepare for an internship or an entry level position.



Adding Experience

You can certainly add a job simulator to your resume. It can also serve as a talking point in either a cover letter or interview. You can address what you didn't know about the position before the simulator, and how it sharpened your knowledge of the job.



Time Management

A job simulator is a great task to complete during breaks or when you don't have the time available to commit to an internship or job. You can still gain experience without having to sacrifice other priorities, or if you just don't think you're ready to apply for positions yet. This is a great way to show an employer how you occupied your time!



Professional Development

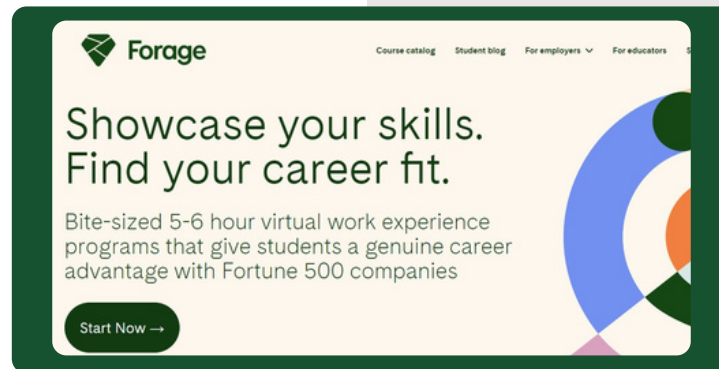
Forge offers a plethora of personal and professional development simulators. This includes resume writing, interview fundamentals, and overall career readiness.

Getting Started

Go to this link:

<https://www.theforage.com/>

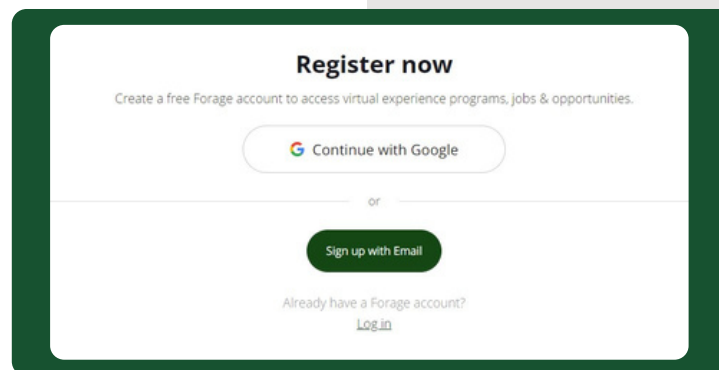
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Create an Account

You will want to create an account using your student e-mail.

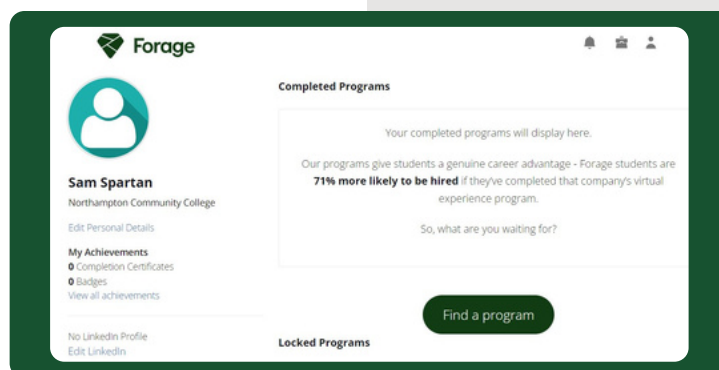
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Complete your profile

Update your personal details, connect your LinkedIn page, and add a description. You will also be able to keep track of your projects completed and achievements received.

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Selecting a Job Simulator

Sam, explore Forage work experience programs

Find the perfect program to showcase your knowledge & get noticed by recruiters from top companies

CAREER INTEREST COMPANY SHOW ME NEW PROGRAMS

OR FIND PROGRAMS BASED ON SKILLS

Search for skills (e.g. Python or DCF Valuation or Powerpoint)



View current opportunities

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Once logged on, you can start exploring opportunities. Some industries have more opportunities than others. In that case, the Career Center has created specialized pages catered for you. Check them out!

- [Computer science page](#)
- [Business page](#)
- [Professional career development page](#)



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Cybersecurity Virtual Experience Program

Explore a day in the life of a Security Analyst at Mastercard!

Register Now →

This virtual experience program is **free** for all students

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Click on a project

Select a project to learn more about the details. You will read a description of the company and gain a better understanding of what the project will include.



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Homepage > Module Overview Page > Design a phishing email simulation

Task 1

Design a phishing email simulation

Craft a phishing email simulation to be used to raise awareness of one of the most common threats organizations today face

- 1 Watch video instructions
- 2 Get background info and context
- 3 Get details for your task
- 4 View resources to help you learn
- 5 Submit your work on this
- 6

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Click "Register Now"

If the project interests you, then click "register now". This will launch the project starting with a brief survey. You can complete this at your own pace.

FAQ



Can I receive extra credit for completing a job simulator? NCC's Center for Career Development is in the process of working with faculty to allow completed job simulators to count towards extra credit. Be sure to check in with your instructor to see if extra credit can be granted.

How do I update a complete simulator to my resume? Forage provides guidance on how to update your resume upon completing a job simulator. For further questions or guidance, be sure to schedule with the Experiential Learning/Internship Manager. She can be contacted at jwhitmire@northampton.edu.

Are there job simulators for my major? Unfortunately, there are not job simulators available for every major. Those studying business, computer science, and engineering will have the most success in finding a job simulator of interest. Be sure to check back frequently to see if this has changed. You can also reach out to the Experiential Learning/Internship Manager to see if there are opportunities not visible to you at this time.

How can I use Forage if my major doesn't have a relevant job simulator? Forage is still a great resource to continue building career readiness skills. There are projects on resume writing and interview skills. Both of these trainings provide useful tips throughout your career.

What if I'm not sure my major is what I really want to do for my career? You're in the right place! A job simulator is a small time commitment and is low risk. You can take just a few hours to explore a position and test out if it's right for you. If it's not, that's ok! There are other simulators to try out afterwards. We encourage you to schedule an appointment with our staff here at the Career Center if you still aren't having success in finding what interests you.

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<https://www.northampton.edu/student-services/career-services/internships.htm>