

Ship Alumni Career E-Newsletter
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Employer Perspective: Holidays & Job Searching

Many job seekers put their job search on hold from mid-November until the New Year reasoning that employment managers aren't hiring during the holiday months. However, over and over again we hear from employers that they ARE hiring during the last two months of the year. One employer indicated that what drives hiring throughout the year doesn't change because all of the paid holidays are bunched together the last 6 weeks of the calendar year. Hiring continues.

Advice for the job seekers: Don't take a break during these two months. Holidays are known as being a time to relax and catch up with family and friends. However, be sure to continue the job search. Use every opportunity when hanging with family and friends to talk about your job search and network. You never know when networking can lead to a new opportunity. Also, other job seekers may put their job searches on hold which may mean there is lighter competition during this time.

Be sure not to fall into the same trap and thinking of many job seekers during these months. Keep searching and you may end up with a new job before the new year.

Highlighted Job Posting

Orthopedic & Spine Technologies LLC

- FT Position needed to support senior sales rep in Central PA territory.
- Must have one year sales experience, business experience, or medical experience.
- Must have positive attitude and great work ethic.
- Email resume to orthonewhire@gmail.com. Mention "SHIP" in the subject line.

Anne Mathay, Business Operations Manager, Orthopedic & Spine Technologies LLC
101 S. Church St, West Chester PA 19382

GMAT Prep Classes Offered

Studying for the GMAT and looking to take a prep course to help improve your score? SU can help. Charge \$250 with a \$50 discount if you apply to Shippensburg University's MBA program before they take the preparation course. 5 person minimum.

@ Dixon University

February 25, 2012 (Saturday) from 9am – 12pm then 1-3pm
March 3, 2012 (Saturday) from 9am – 12pm then 1-3pm

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July 14, 2012 (Saturday) from 9am – 12pm then 1-3pm
July 21, 2012 (Saturday) from 9am – 12pm then 1-3pm

Workshop Opportunities

If you are in close proximity to Shippensburg you may want to consider attending one of the workshops below. Excellent information is provided. Please register at alumni@ship.edu. Both workshops are held at 3:30pm in Dauphin Humanities Center room 051 and are sponsored by the Career Development Center.

November 15th- Employer Panel Discussion: Hear it From Those Who Hire

Get the inside scoop on what employers are looking for in candidates. Learn what will get you hired and what will make employers move on to the next candidate.

November 29th- After the Interview: Follow-up and Negotiation.

This workshop examines what happens after the interview. Learn how to appropriately follow up with employers, how to reject or accept offers and ways to negotiate salary.

Recent Job Postings in College Central

Be sure to check College Central for job postings that are added daily. If you don't have a college central alumni account, refer to the [Guide Sheet](#) for hints and tips for searching the database. New jobs are added daily!

Need Career Assistance?

Does the end of the year have you down? Looking for a new job and struggling? Contact the University Relations office for free assistance. We can help you market your skills on your resume, assist with cover letters and other job searching information. Email alumni@ship.edu or 717-477-1218. Also email us if you are interested in obtaining an electronic copy of the Job Searching Tool Kit for Alumni.

Happy Holidays! Be sure to watch your inbox in early January 2012 for the next edition of the Career e-newsletter. The January 2012 edition will contain additional information on participating in the resume boot camp for alumni and a mock interview day.