

Wilson Talent Center Virtual Visit – Career Start

[Dee Getty] Hi, I'm miss Getty, I'm the Career Start instructor at the Wilson Talent Center. So a typical day at the Career Start class is about. I'll say 40 minutes where you're kind of working on those certificates, and maybe you're learning some new skills, and then the second half of the session is where you're actually going to be using those skills, running the school store, or doing more independent work. It's really a chance to make those mistakes that, let's make them here where they don't really count, and then they do on your first job. We have a multitude of certificates that you can earn and the point of earning those certificates is that we can kind of find out what we want to do later in life with our career. It also helps us maybe get that first job or get that job we really want to do. Some of the certificates we earn: There's a ServSafe one we earn from culinary, there's an OSHA one we earn for the technology industry, we also earn some certificates that will help you in an office setting. It really is going to be focused on what you want to work on to make your dreams come true. We do run the school store here. We average about 200 students a session coming through, so it's a lot busier than what you might think. We sell a variety of things, and you learn how to use the Apple iPay, you learn about stocking and ordering and inventory. It gets you some real world experience, and it might just pull you out of that shell if you're one of those people who don't really like to be out in the middle of everything.

[Derek Bocek] What made me choose Career Start is it was a place where I didn't exactly know, I wanted to be at the Career Center, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do. I've been here two years. I've heard a lot of certifications, CPR, Career Safe, so that's OSHA, we're trained on workplace safety. ServSafe is one where we learn about like food safety and how to handle food properly. I think that's a great life lesson. Some of the skills that I've learned in the school store is a lot of communication. Whether it's at the store, talking to teachers, classmates here, helping out others, lot of money counting. So we want to welcome you into career start. If you come visit us, maybe we can help you down that path that you have chosen to help make your dreams come true.

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