

Steps to Finding a Part-Time Job

- **Start early**. For summer work, begin 2-3 months in advance. For work during the academic year, start 1-2 months in advance.
- **Make a list** of your work and volunteer experience and think of examples that demonstrate the skills, qualities and characteristics that make you a good fit for the job.
- **Prepare a résumé and cover letter**. Make an appointment with a career consultant to review both documents.
- Visit with professors, your advisor, a career consultant, friends and family to let them know that you are looking for a part-time job.
- **Check out the HIRE System** for part-time job opportunities. You can find both oncampus and off-campus opportunities.
- Check local newspapers. For Stillwater, look at the Daily O'Collegian and the Stillwater NewsPress.
- Visit departments on campus to look for potential employment. Bring copies of your résumé with you. Check their message boards and Web site for potential job listings. There is also an on-campus job application available online.
- Make phone calls. If you decide to do this, be very cautious. Some employers do not prefer that people call to inquire about employment. If you do call a business, ask who is responsible for recruiting for the type of work you are seeking. If the receptionist says there are no vacancies, thank him/her politely and request the name of the person anyway. Have your résumé available during this phone conversation in order to remember your experience and skills.