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Top 10 Myths about Working for Nonprofits:

1. **No one makes any money in the nonprofit sector** -
   **Reality:** The term “nonprofit” refers to the 501 (c) tax code in the U.S. Revenues generated go back into programs serving the organizations’ mission.

2. **Nonprofits only do direct service work** -
   **Reality:** The most visible nonprofits are often direct service organizations; but many people who work for nonprofits are accountants, computer programmers, fundraisers, executives, researchers, and advocates who support the work of direct service organizations.

3. **Working for a nonprofit is not really a career path** -
   **Reality:** The nonprofit sector provides many people with a lifetime of exciting work. Nonprofits also tend to offer young people more leadership opportunities than other sectors.

4. **Everyone that works in the nonprofit sector is caring** -
   **Reality:** Most people who work in the nonprofit sector care about making the world a better place, but so do plenty of people that work in the private sector.

5. **The nonprofit sector is non competitive** -
   **Reality:** In a world of limited resources, nonprofit organizations compete intensely for media attention, recognition, funding and other resources.

6. **Nonprofits are inefficient** -
   **Reality:** Nonprofits do not have clear bottom lines or profit margins; serving a human or environmental need makes success and efficiency much more difficult to measure.

7. **The nonprofit sector is for those who can’t succeed in the business world** -
   **Reality:** All work has its set of challenges. Business people are often surprised to learn how difficult it is to make the transition into the nonprofit sector, which has different, often rigorous standards of success.
8. **Nonprofits lack resources and are informal**-
   Reality: Many large organizations with multi-million dollar budgets are nonprofits. Cultures within nonprofits vary but business attire is the norm at many nonprofits.

9. **Nonprofits support left-wing causes**-
   Reality: The nonprofit sector itself does not have a political agenda.

10. **Working for a nonprofit is just like volunteering**-
    Reality: Volunteers are often shielded from nonprofits’ organizational, financial, administrative and other challenges.

*Modified from Action Without Borders-Idealist.org; UConn Storrs Job Search Guide*

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**UPCOMING EVENT!**

**WTBY Campus Major/Career Expo**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
12:45pm – 1:45pm

Waterbury Campus
Room 116-119

**UNDECIDED? NEED TO CHANGE YOUR MAJOR? Learn about some of the four-year degree programs offered at the Waterbury Campus,** including Business, Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology and Urban & Community Studies. Hear faculty and upper-level students discuss each major, course of study, and career possibilities. After, visit each table that may interest you to obtain valuable information about courses and “What Can I Do With this Major” handouts.

Pizza and beverages available. Sponsored by UConn Waterbury Career Services and Student Support Services

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**PAID INTERNSHIP OF THE WEEK! LOCAL!**

**Part-Time Paid Internship, Flooring America**, Waterbury, CT.
**Responsibilities:** Work on website development and social media marketing.
**To Apply:** Call Rob Fekete at (203) 527-7425 or send an email to: rob@flooringamericact.com for more info.
**Part-Time Internship, Board of Pardons & Paroles**, Waterbury, CT.

**Responsibilities:** Gather information and update our electronic case files regarding offense information and required documentation in preparation for paroles hearings. Shadow Parole Officers during their daily duties within the office and correctional facilities. Observe parole interviews with offenders and assist Officers with the preparations of parole summaries.

**To Apply:** Please send an email to: Richard.sparaco@ct.gov with letter of interest, resume, and contact information for supervising professor (for possible credits). To learn more, go to: www.ct.gov/bopp.

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**FULL-TIME INTERNSHIP**

**Full-Time Market Research Internship, The Pert Group**, Farmington, CT.

**Requirements:** Must possess strong interpersonal skills with the ability to develop effective working relationships with both internal and external clients. In addition, strong organizational and time management skills with the ability to coordinate and manage schedule expectations is desired.

**Responsibilities:** Candidate is responsible for developing a fundamental understanding of: Qualitative and Quantitative Research, The Pert Group Capabilities, Market Research Industry/Competitive Landscape, Brand strategy & Company Core Values, and discovering relevant market information. Actively participate in client specs to ensure that they are comprehensive, well thought out and provide information that will lead to quality results.

**To Apply:** Send resume to Monica Golino at monica.golino@thepertgroup.com. For more info, call (860) 242-2005 and visit http://www.thepertgroup.com.

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**Part-Time Customer Service Representative, Verizon Wireless**, Wallingford, CT.

**Requirements:** Must have previous customer service experience and preferably an Associate’s degree or higher. Ability to multitask and tech-savvy skills are a major plus.

**Responsibilities:** Resolve challenging customer issues including device-related troubleshooting, billing, service inquires and more. Answer high volumes of customer calls while delivering innovative and individualized solutions.

**To Apply:** Go to: verizonwireless.com/careers. Job id #344603

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Part-Time Teller, TD Bank, Wallingford, CT.
**Requirements:** Must have excellent communication skills with ability to be concise, clear, and consistent. One year of related experience preferred.
**Responsibilities:** Provide exceptional customer service by meeting all customer demands as they relate inquiries. Process regular Teller transactions for customers including: customer accounts, accepting loan and safe deposit box payments, processing sales of gift cards, cashing checks, verifying currency, and various other duties. Establish and solidify customer relationships by providing excellent customer service.
**To Apply:** Please visit https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGWEbHost/jobdetails.aspx?jobId=1095774&PartnerId=25404&SiteId=5601.

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Part-Time Teller, Wells Fargo, Meriden, CT.
**Requirements:** Must have at least one year of experience interacting with customers and people. Demonstrate skill in use of computers and achieve individual and team goals. Reliable attendance and good communication skills a must.
**Responsibilities:** Introduce customers to new products and services, and generate leads for other members of the sales team to close. Identity and make sales referrals, recommend alternate channels, and provide excellent customer service.
**To Apply:** Please go to: https://employment.wellsfargo.com/psc/PSEA/APPLICANT_NW/HRMS/c/HRS_HRS.HRS_APP_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB&Action=U&TargetFrameName=.

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Full-Time Receptionist for Doctor’s Office, Newtown, CT.
**Requirements:** Experience preferred but will train. Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. Competitive salary with benefits.
**To Apply:** E-mail resume to: btansey@communityhealthassociates.net.
**Police Officer Position, Waterbury Police Department**, Waterbury, CT.  
**To Apply:** Applications and complete examination announcements may be obtained at: www.waterburyct.org. Applications must **ONLY** be returned by Fax at (203) 574-8087 or mailed/handed to City of Waterbury, Human Resources, 236 Grand St., Rm 202, Waterbury, CT 06702.

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**Part-Time Sales Associate, Sears Holdings Corporation**, Waterbury, CT.  
**Responsibilities:** Provide customer service while selling products within one or multiple departments in the store. Maintain knowledge of products and use this knowledge to assist and educate customers.  
**Compensation:** Hourly wage plus commission.  

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**Part-Time Event Staff, CheckIn Tech**, Stamford, CT.  
**Requirements:** Must be properly dressed in business attire and be on-time. No previous event experience is required. Candidate must simply display a high level of energy and professionalism.  
**Responsibilities:** Candidate will work on-site checking guests in to events via an iPad-based application.  
**Compensation:** $20 per hour.  
**To Apply:** Please email Mia at: mia@checkintech for more info.

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http://www.waterbury.uconn.edu/career_services/newsletter.html

**LINKS TO NATION-WIDE JOBS/INTERNSHIPS:**  
http://www.waterbury.uconn.edu/career_services/searchJob.html#web