**CAREER GUIDE – FINANCE**

Finance jobs are found in nearly all corporate, public sector, and non-profit organizations. Key areas include corporate or public finance, banking, and investment services.

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**Career To Do List**

**First Year**
- Take MGMT 1200, Career & Professional Development in your first or second semester

**Sophomore**
- Select classes and projects that will help you build your knowledge and experience.
- Work with BCC on your resume and LinkedIn profile
- Explore career options with BCC and determine knowledge/experience gaps so you can fill them in your Junior and Senior years

**Junior**
- Take Finance and business classes that will build on your career plan; consider an Intermediate Accounting class to go deeper into financial statements and their interaction
- Fine-tune your resume and attend Workshops, Career Fairs and Employer Spotlights; apply for internships (some are filled by December). Do not procrastinate.
- Apply for a student club committee and help organize an event

**Senior**
- Consider an additional internship and fill experience gaps with academic projects
- Keep your eye on job postings and target employers and roles
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile. Attend an Interview Prep Workshop, Employer Spotlights, and Career Fairs – further develop your network and refresh your connections
- Improve your advanced Excel and financial modeling skills.
- Apply for a student club leadership role; benefit from the experience and networking connections.

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**ADDITIONAL FINANCE CAREER INFORMATION**

[www.cofpa.org](http://www.cofpa.org) | [www.cfainstitute.org](http://www.cfainstitute.org) | [www.cfp.net](http://www.cfp.net)

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**IN DEMAND SKILLS**

Advanced Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, SQL

Check out [www.asimplemodel.com](http://www.asimplemodel.com) for help with modeling; free with a quiz subscription of $3/month
Advanced Excel courses are readily available online; one resource is [www.wallstreetprep.com](http://www.wallstreetprep.com) for $39
Contact matthew.fleming@ucdenver.edu for Bloomberg, CQG, Morningstar, and thinkorswim tutorials

**FINANCE | COMMODITIES – CERTIFICATIONS**

SIE (Securities Industry Essentials) – may be taken without employer sponsorship
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA); Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
Certified Fund Specialist (CFS); Commodities Trading Advisor (CTA)
Series 6 (Mutual Funds); Series 7 (Stocks); Series 63/65/66 (State Law Exam)
Series 79 (Investment Banking)

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**BUSINESS CAREER CONNECTIONS (BCC) IS THE CAREER DEPARTMENT FOR THE CU Denver BUSINESS SCHOOL**
Internships
Finance internships will help you gain skills and get a great job when you graduate. Advanced Excel and financial modeling skills are essential for many internships.

Career Prep
It is important to learn how to excel in the job search process. It will help you get the job you deserve and will help you throughout your career. Your first job will not be your last job.

FINANCE CLUBS
CU Denver Business School – Portfolio Management Group (Highly Recommended)
CU Denver Business School – Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting-focus, but open to Finance students)
Participate in the CFA Research Challenge to increase your skills.

FINANCE JOB TITLES – EARLY CAREER
Budget Analyst
Compliance Analyst
Credit Analyst
Financial Analyst
Investment | Portfolio Analyst
Operations Analyst
FP&A Analyst
Loan Officer | Banker
Broker
Trader | (Commodities, Derivatives, etc.)
Financial Advisor | Consultant
Fixed Income Associate
Equity Research Associate
Retirement Associate
Underwriter
Asset Analyst
Wealth Advisor

FINANCE EMPLOYERS
Public and Private Corporations
Startups
Banks – Retail, Commercial, Investment
Public Accounting Firms
Audit or Advisory Practices
Financial Services | Investment Services
Government Agencies and Universities
Non-Profit Organizations
Private Equity and Venture Capital Firms
Consulting Firms
Commodities Companies
Commodities Departments