



Ten tips for college students interested in working on Cape Cod

Cape Cod is a world class travel destination, and the summer months are the high season. We need seasonal workers willing to be a part of a wonderful visitor experience. For our businesses great service is the top priority, and front line is key to making this happen. All types of businesses, from financial services to high tech companies, value individuals who have worked in the tourism industry—its fast pace, constant interfacing with the public, and on the spot problem solving give workers skills that translate well anywhere. There's no better place to begin.

Ten tips for college students who might be interested in working on Cape Cod this summer:

1. Know where you are going to live. The Cape is 60 miles long and it's hard to match you with a job if you don't have your living arrangements already made.
2. Make a commitment to how many weeks you can work and stick to it. Our season is longer than 90 days, and leaving in the middle of it creates problems for our businesses.
3. Treat it like a real job, not just a summer paycheck in a great place. There's always room to move up the ladder next summer, and often opportunities to return and make money during your vacation weeks.
4. Don't expect employers to work around your schedule—many businesses count on the high season months to keep them going in the winter. So, asking for a week off in the middle of the summer isn't possible. Vacation before or after.
5. Be flexible about the hours and shifts you can work—and clear if there are ones you really can't.
6. When you apply, be specific about what job you are interested in—wait staff, housekeeping, retail sales, etc.
7. Treat the application and interview process seriously. This means go alone, not in a group, and go prepared.
8. Being prepared means have a resume, a good handshake and be ready to look your interviewer in the eye.
9. Dress for business not the beach when you are being interviewed, even if dress on the job will be more casual.
10. Customer service is key, and we need people who like people. If you don't, this isn't the place for you.