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I am writing about the opportunity to work as an Assistant Director of Career Development in the Career Development Center at OSU. I was immediately drawn to this position and feel my professional, academic and personal experience has prepared me to excel in this role. I am passionate about career development and working with students and would love to be a part of the important work you are doing.

I am currently working as a Software Engineer at Amazon but received my MBA from the College of Business at OSU. While gaining my MBA I worked at the Career Development Center and loved being able to work with students, faculty and employers. I also enjoyed the excitement of the work we engaged in including the events we planned and the students I was able to help. In my work as an Instructor and at the Basic Needs Center at OSU I have worked directly and with groups of students.

In my roles at OSU and in industry I have gained a lot of the skills that would allow me to be successful in this role. At OSU my work had a strong focus on developing and running programs like the Career Fairs, Textbook Lending, Housing and Food Programs. I also have built relationships across campus and with employers. An example of this would be helping to found and run our Advisory Committee with members from companies like Boeing, Target and the United Way. It is interesting because in my current role at Amazon I was brought on as a Software Engineer but my role has evolved. I am now helping to manage a large project across all of Amazon. My work includes building relationships with managers and employees in Departments like Alexa, Ring and Prime Video. I also am heavily involved with tracking and running a program to gather data and metrics in regards to these internal campaigns.

I also am incredibly passionate about working with and helping students succeed. I first began working with students as a tutor for the OSU Athletics Department and fell in love with teaching and mentoring. My work helping students at the Career Development Center was incredibly meaningful and I would love to bring my experience here. In closing I would just like to say how interested and passionate about this role I would be. I would love to be part of such an incredible program and see how it continues to grow and improve the lives of students and the world as they graduate.

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I loved the work I engaged in while working at the CDC and have continued to use these skills in my career. Even though I am currently a software engineer my work has evolved to where I manage an onboarding team across Amazon working with managers and employees in Departments like Alexa, Ring and Prime Video. While my work has a technical aspect I am heavily involved in program development and building relationships across the company.

I am incredibly passionate about career development and helping students succeed. There are so many reasons I would be excited to work in this role. A few of the major ones include how much I loved working at the career development center during grad school and afterwards. Another major thing is that I love working with students one on one. Before I started working at Amazon I was actually working at OSU at the human services resource center. In my role here I worked with students and campus partners to help provide for the basic needs of the students. I really enjoyed being able to help the students this way and think these skills would also be useful in my role at the Kerr development center helping students.

I previously worked at the Career Development Center at OSU and absolutely loved the people and work. I would be thrilled to come back and feel my experience since working here has really prepared me to excel in this role

My passion is really career development though and it is something that I would be excited to return to. As you can see from my résumé I have done quite a number of different things and I think a lot of these were figuring out what I enjoy doing the most. I think that the skills will translate well as I work with students to help encourage them to seek out internships and career events to really learn not just about a career of about themselves and how important it is to try to find the right fit and also how important their time is in college where they are surrounded by resources to help them succeed.

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What I loved about Blueprint is that the focus is not just on finding a job but on gaining the skills needed to find a career that students are passionate about. My career path has allowed me to discover my passion for teaching, business and technology. I feel that my background would allow me to bring unique insight into the courses I teach and in my one-on-one work with students as they go through the Blueprint program.

My experience has prepared me for the two main areas of this position related to teaching and student engagement. I have a passion for teaching and working with students that goes back to my undergraduate degree where I worked as a tutor for the OSU Athletics Department. Since then, I have designed and taught courses at both OSU and LBCC. I have also worked with the OSU Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department helping students with their Senior Capstone projects. I also have experience in student life including working at the Basic Needs Center and Career Development Center at OSU. I think this experience would really help me support students in the College of Business.

In closing I would just like to say how interested and passionate about this role I would be. I would love to be part of such an incredible program and see how it continues to grow and improve the lives of students and the world as they graduate. I hope I am able to speak more about my interest in this exciting position.

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