

Getting started in your major

Action to Take...

Connect with your department and major

- Get to know at least one faculty member in your department. You will need references and letters of recommendation for your job search and/or applications to graduate and professional school.
- One way to get to know faculty is through an informational interview.
- Get paid to conduct research with a faculty mentor.

Draft a graduation plan and review it with your college advisor

- Some courses are only offered once each year.
- Meeting with your advisor will ensure that you will have all your degree requirements fulfilled by graduation.

Gain experience relevant to the major and careers you are considering

- Try things out now to allow enough time to make changes to your planned career path.
- Experience in your field will help you develop a strong professional network even before you graduate.
- Take a class to jump-start or take your engagement and career preparation to a new level.

Build your professional network

- It's never too early to begin building your network and connecting to professionals in careers you are interested in. Networking is the most successful internship and job search strategy.
- Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with alumni through the CEHD Alumni and Student Networking Group to learn about their career paths.

Explore and research possible careers you could do after graduation

- Explore career options for your major and research at least two - three possible careers that interest you. This will help you focus your internship search and may expose you to new options you didn't know about.
- Meeting with a career counselor can help you focus and find options that are a good fit for you.

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Polish your resume and prepare for interviews

- Have your resume and cover letter reviewed by a career counselor.
- Improve your interviewing skills by doing a practice interview with a career counselor or practice online using InterviewStream.
- Google yourself and review your online presence, make updates and use your on-line presence to help your job search.

Attend career events and on-campus interviews

- Take advantage of career events planned specifically for you! These are great ways to connect with employers right here on campus.
- Be prepared. Create your 30 - 60 second elevator speech for introductions and learn strategies for career fair success.
- Regularly check GoldPASS for on-campus interview opportunities and career events.

Start your job search and/or apply to graduate school

- Start early! Many graduate school applications are due in the fall and many employers recruit during fall semester for spring graduates.
- Work with a career counselor to learn job search strategies and/or navigate the graduate school application process.

Check over your degree completion plan with your advisor

- Make any last adjustments to your degree plan.
- Learn how to apply for graduation.

Celebrate your accomplishments! Get connected.

- Join a professional organization.
- Attend the commencement ceremony.
- Watch for information from the Alumni Association and become an engaged alum.
- Complete The Outcomes Survey and share your story.

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