FOUR-YEAR CAREER SUCCESS PLAN

1ST YEAR

• Get acclimated to UNC. Familiarize yourself with campus, academic advising and your academic dept.
• Create your Careerolina account to stay informed about all of our services, events, and workshops.
• Get to know your professors. Visit office hours, stay late after class.
• Meet with a UCS career counselor to discuss your career goals.
• Attend UCS workshops, fairs, panels, and meet-ups.
• Think about how you would like your resume to look by the time you graduate. What types of skills and experiences do you want to obtain over the next 4 years?

• During the summer:
  • Develop your professional skills, explore possible careers, and build your network.
  • Part-time jobs and volunteer opportunities should be a part of your summer experience. Though any type of job can be beneficial, professional, related experiences will help you test career options and build your resume.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

• Update your Careerolina account.
• Talk to professors, family, friends, alumni, and professionals about fields that may interest you.
• Build your experience by getting involved with student organizations.
• Enroll in UCS’ EDUC13, Career Exploration for help in planning your career and in choosing a major.
• Use UCS’ OptimalResume to write a professional resume and post it on Careerolina as you seek internships.
• Meet with a UCS counselor to learn about opportunities that interest you.
• Attend the UCS Spring Job/Internship Expo.

• During the summer:
  • Continue to obtain professional experience through part-time jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.
  • Conduct informational interviews with professionals in different fields to learn about career options.

JUNIOR YEAR

• Update your Careerolina account including your resume.
• Pursue leadership positions on campus through student government, clubs/organizations, fraternities and sororities, etc.
• Attend UCS career panels, meet-ups, employer info sessions, and career fairs to learn about various employers and career fields.
• If considering graduate school, begin exploring programs, application deadlines, and requirements.
• Conduct an informational interview with professionals to learn about career fields.
• Practice your interviewing skills with a UCS counselor or employer.
• Register for EDUC 132, Career Planning and Job Searching.

• During the summer:
  • Complete a career-related internship. Many summer internships often lead to full-time job offers.
  • Make connections with professionals in various levels and depts at your place of summer employment.

SENIOR YEAR

• Update your Careerolina account.
• Participate in a mock interview with a UCS counselor.
• Attend UCS career panels, meet-ups, employer info sessions, and career fairs to learn about various employers and career fields.
• Start researching job opportunities early.
• Many employers begin recruiting as soon as the semester begins.
• Monitor application and on-campus interview deadlines of positions posted in Careerolina.
• Apply to as many positions as interest you.
• Plan your interview attire in advance.