

# **GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ARE YOU CAREER READY?**



University Career Services provides personalized and innovative career education to empower student success and transformation.

Our vision is for all UNC-Chapel Hill students to create lives of purpose and prosperity in alignment with their personal goals.

We serve all students and recent graduates\* and offer

- individual career advising
- self-assessment resources
- internship & employment search assistance
- on-campus interviewing & employer connections
- online internship & job listings
- occupational & employer information
- workshops on job-seeking skills

University Career Services at UNC collaborates with Professional Development staff at the Graduate School to help you prepare and succeed in the workplace. Our eight professional competences listed on the following pages overlap with the Graduate School's professional development competencies.

\*Students must be receiving a degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and may not be in the MBA, MAC, law, medical, or dental programs, which are served by separate career offices. Please see a UCS staff member for any questions about our services.





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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPETENCIES From The Graduate School

The competencies provide a guide for your professional development at each stage in your graduate career. These competencies are inclusive of masters and doctoral students across disciplines and applicable to a wide range of professional settings. At different stages in your graduate career, there are various actions you can engage in to develop each competency. Self-assessment activities should occur at every stage to inform competency development.\*

| Competencies*  | Early Stage  | Mid Stage   | Late Stage  |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| Self-awareness & Self-assessment   |  |   |   |  |
| <b>Communication</b><br>interpersonal<br>understanding<br>mentoring   collaboration<br>networking      | <ul> <li>Initiate mentoring<br/>relationships</li> <li>Learn conventions of<br/>communication within your<br/>discipline</li> <li>Formulate and present<br/>research plan</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Develop presentation and<br/>writing skills both technical and<br/>non-technical audiences</li> <li>Communicate with mentors<br/>effectively</li> <li>Present research at conferences</li> <li>Publish research/scholarship</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Present research at national conferences</li> <li>Publish research/scholarship</li> <li>Maintain professional networks</li> </ul>  |  |
| Academic<br>Development<br>scholarship   research<br>teaching   mentoring<br>critical thinking         | <ul> <li>Connect coursework to<br/>research &amp; scholarship</li> <li>Explore resources to support<br/>academic development</li> <li>Seek out teaching<br/>opportunities and attend TA<br/>orientation &amp; workshops</li> <li>Plan research projects &amp;<br/>seek funding support</li> <li>Mentor undergraduates</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Develop collaborative<br/>relationships to support research<br/>projects</li> <li>Attend teaching workshops</li> <li>Assess and modify research plans</li> <li>Develop a teaching portfolio</li> <li>Serve as manuscript reviewer for<br/>journals in your field</li> <li>Mentor undergraduates</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Form dissertation writing groups</li> <li>Synthesize teaching statement/portfolio</li> <li>Finalize projects and submit approvals</li> <li>Formulate 5-year research plan</li> </ul>       |  |
| Leadership &<br>Professionalism<br>Ethics   planning<br>leading teams<br>problem-solving<br>evaluation | <ul> <li>Attend ethics trainings and seminars</li> <li>Create an Individual Development Plan (IDP)</li> <li>Seek leadership and service opportunities</li> <li>Join professional organizations and build internal and external networks</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Take on leadership positions</li> <li>Contribute to team-based<br/>projects</li> <li>Troubleshoot issues and propose<br/>creative solutions</li> <li>Manage project budget and<br/>personnel</li> <li>Provide feedback to peers on<br/>presentations, manuscripts, &amp;<br/>grants</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Serve as a role model for<br/>junior graduate students</li> <li>Maintain professional<br/>networks</li> <li>Plan for transition after<br/>graduate studies</li> </ul>                      |  |
| Career<br>Development<br>Personal & professional<br>organization<br>flexibility   success              | <ul> <li>Explore University Career<br/>Services resources</li> <li>Complete self-assessments</li> <li>Develop career goals</li> <li>Create a CV</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Identify external opportunities,<br/>internships, work experiences<br/>aligned with career goals</li> <li>Document research and teaching<br/>accomplishments (IDP)</li> <li>Modify career goals if needed</li> <li>Document research and teaching<br/>accomplishments on CV</li> </ul>                     | <ul> <li>Finalize CV, cover letters, research and teaching statements</li> <li>Apply for positions aligned with your career goals</li> <li>Learn how to interview &amp; negotiate offers</li> </ul> |  |





\*Adapted from UNC Graduate School's Professional Development Guide

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## CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES From University Career Services

Rank yourself on a scale of "experienced" (5) to "requires substantial work" (1). Use the space to the right to list activities, experiences or opportunities in which you can get involved to improve your ranking. The UCS and Grad School Professional Development staff are great resources for ideas.

|         | <b>PROFESSIONALISM &amp; WORK ETHIC</b><br>Demonstrate integrity, resilience, accountability; take<br>initiative, maintain effective work habits, produce high quality<br>results, project a professional image              | Rank: | Notes: |
|---------|--|-------|--------|
| Ť       | <b>CREATIVITY &amp; PROBLEM SOLVING</b><br>Ability to analyze issues, synthesize information, make<br>decisions, think critically and strategically to develop original<br>ideas and innovative solutions                    | Rank: | Notes: |
| <b></b> | <b>COMMUNICATION</b><br>Articulate thoughts, express ideas, interpret messages using<br>oral, written, non-verbal communication, and listening skills;<br>instruct, persuade, deliver information                            | Rank: | Notes: |
| Å       | <b>TEAMWORK &amp; COLLABORATION</b><br>Build and maintain collaborative relationships to work<br>effectively with others, shared responsibility, and respect both<br>inside and outside of the organization                  | Rank: | Notes: |
| 1       | <b>LEADERSHIP</b><br>Leverage strengths of others to achieve common goals, coach<br>and develop others, able to assess and manage emotions, use<br>empathy, motivate, organize, delegate work                                | Rank: | Notes: |
|         | <b>GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE</b><br>Value, respect, learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders,<br>sexual orientations, religions; demonstrate inclusiveness, ability<br>to interact respectfully and understand differences | Rank: | Notes: |
| Ļ       | <b>TECHNICAL APPLICATION</b><br>Leverage existing technologies ethically and efficiently to solve<br>problems, complete tasks, accomplish goals. Demonstrate<br>effective adaptability to new and emerging technologies      | Rank: | Notes: |
| *       | <b>CAREER MANAGEMENT</b><br>Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge and<br>experiences relevant to the position desired and career goals,<br>identify areas necessary for professional growth             | Rank: | Notes: |



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### Fall 2020 Schedule

Learn and practice career readiness skills through all of our programs. We work collaboratively with the Graduate School and academic departments to offer virtual programming specially designed for Graduate and Professional Students

\*\*See Handshake for full details and to register\*\*

### **Online Resources**

CliftonStrengths self-assessment and interpretation

Career Insider by Vault career resource site

Going Global international jobs and resources

**Big Interview** virtual interview practice

#### e Resources

Versatile PhD career resource site

#### **MyIDP**

self-assessment and exploration tools for STEM disciplines

#### Imagine PhD

self-assessment and exploration tools for humanities & social sciences disciplines

# North Carolina Master's & Doctoral Career Fair

Thursday, October 29, 2020 Virtual - TBD

## **Handshake**

Job, internship, and resource portal for UNC students



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