

CAREER SUCCESS ROADMAP

Your future starts here! The Career Success Roadmap guides you through the three stages of your career development as you **EXPLORE, BUILD, and CONNECT.**

This Career Roadmap helps make big career decisions easier by breaking big concepts into smaller pieces. Within each stage are resources to help make the process a little more manageable.

There's not one "right" way to build a career – instead there are many unique paths to navigate. A career journey is often not a straight line from Point A to Point B, but rather a journey that likely includes some twists and turns.

Whether you're already navigating a chosen career path or looking for inspiration, these tools and resources will help you chart your course forward. We're excited to see where your path leads you!

EXPLORE

Dive into your interests, values, and explore careers possibilities that align with who you are and where you want to go.



- Take your **Career Self-Assessment (Focus2)**
- Explore potential **Majors & Career Options**
- Share your **Focus2** results with advisors, faculty, mentors, and fellow students – seek advice & receive feedback on how your interests and values connect with majors/careers
- Learn about transferable skills – **CORE (NACE) Competencies**
- Download the **Handshake** app & start exploring
- Build your **Handshake profile**
- Complete **informational interviews**
- Choose/Confirm Your **Major**

BUILD

The next part of your journey can set you apart from your competition as you gather experiences, build your personal career tools and practice articulating your skills.



- Create your **Career Documents**
 - > **Resume, Cover Letter, LinkedIn®**
 - > submit to **Career Services** for review and feedback
- Complete **Professional Introduction Guide** and practice introducing yourself professionally
- Establish (or clean up) your personal brand/online presence
- Attend anchor **Career Events**
 - > career fairs, networking night, career cafes, etc.
- Start building your **Professional Network**
- Build strong connections with your professors
 - > the better your professors know you, the more effectively they can guide you, serve as references, write recommendation letters, etc.
- Get **Interview Ready** & do mock Interviews
- Gain experience:
 - > **Student Employment**
 - > **get involved** in **Clubs/Orgs** + build your leadership skills here
 - > develop through high-impact practices and experiences (**Internships, Research, Service-Learning, Study Away**, etc.)
- Update your **Career Documents** to reflect the experiences you have been gathering
- Consider completing **Micro-Internships**
- If interested in graduate or professional school, review **Resources** to help research programs and manage applications

CONNECT

Pull it all together! Set your sights on what's next using your professional network, ace your interviews, and land that job or grad school acceptance.



- Refine your **Career Documents**
- Share your **unique brand** & expand your **Professional Network**
- Make **Career Fairs/Networking Events** work for **YOU!**
- Search and Apply for Jobs & Internships**
- Continue to gain experiences
- Apply to **Grad School**, if desired
- Graduation/Prep for life after college!
- Complete your **grad survey**

Schedule appointments with Career Services for additional consultation.

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