

DEVELOPING A CAREER PATH

Freshman Year

PREPARE

- ❑ Take courses that will help you decide if your major is a good fit for you.
- ❑ Take career assessments online to understand your values, beliefs and abilities when it comes to a career.
- ❑ Check out the Majors & Careers website:
<http://www.ncsu.edu/majors-careers> for information on choosing a major or learning what to do with your selected major.

PRACTICE

- ❑ Talk with a career counselor about possible interest areas and career direction.
- ❑ Talk with professors, mentors, family and friends about occupations.
- ❑ Create a resume and profile in **ePACK** to explore opportunities.

PARTICIPATE

- ❑ Develop job skills by joining social, athletic or academic organizations.
- ❑ Attend career workshops to learn more about resume writing, interviewing skills and career choices.

Junior Year

PREPARE

- ❑ Meet with your career counselor to discuss your career path and possible next steps.
- ❑ Thinking about grad school? Research application deadlines and standardized test information.

PRACTICE

- ❑ Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your career field of interest.
- ❑ Attend employer information sessions to learn about various opportunities within an organization.
- ❑ Strengthen your interviewing skills by doing a mock interview with a career counselor.
- ❑ Attend a career fair to learn more about companies of interest and to secure an internship.

PARTICIPATE

- ❑ Gain career related experience through an internship, volunteer, or co-op opportunity.
- ❑ Update your resume and your profile in **ePACK**.
- ❑ Develop relationships with faculty and employers to use as references.
- ❑ Build your leadership skills by getting involved in a campus or community organization.

Sophomore Year

PREPARE

- ❑ Update and fine-tune your resume.
- ❑ Learn to write a cover letter.
- ❑ Join a professional society or organization that is related to your career field of interest.

PRACTICE

- ❑ Attend career fairs and events, which provide internship and full time opportunities and information on careers.
- ❑ Become familiar with **ePACK** and how to use it to its fullest extent.

PARTICIPATE

- ❑ Gain career related experience through an internship, volunteer, or co-op opportunity.
- ❑ Shadow a professional who works in a career field of your interest.

Senior Year

PREPARE

- ❑ Start your job search two semesters prior to graduation.
- ❑ Meet with a career counselor to review job search techniques.
- ❑ Use **ePACK** and other UCC resources to engage in a targeted search.

PRACTICE

- ❑ Know which strengths and accomplishments you want to share with an employer.
- ❑ Focus on these strengths in order to communicate them clearly to hiring managers.

PARTICIPATE

- ❑ Apply for jobs and participate in on-campus interviews- sign up in **ePACK**.
- ❑ Attend campus career fairs, information sessions, and other events.
- ❑ Network! Share your job search with everyone you know.
- ❑ Follow up with employers who you meet through career fairs and interviews.