**4 YEAR CAREER PLAN** (2 column template)

**FIRST YEAR**

**Prepare**  
- Take courses that will help you decide if your major is a good fit.   
- Take [career assessments](http://www.ncsu.edu/career/students/explore/assessments.php) to understand your values, beliefs and abilities when it comes to a career.  
- Check out [What can I do with a major in?](http://www.ncsu.edu/majors-careers/) for information on choosing or changing a major.   
- Talk with professors, mentors, family and friends about majors and occupations.

- Talk with a career counselor about possible interest areas and career direction.  
- Conduct an [informational interview](http://www.ncsu.edu/career/students/explore/informational.php) with a professional.   
  
**Participate**  
- Develop skills through student organizations and activities on-campus and in the community.

- Create a first NC State resume and cover letter.  
- Attend a career fair to learn about different career paths.  
- View internship and job descriptions posted for NC State students in [ePACK](http://www.ncsu.edu/career/students/jobsinternships/epack.php).

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

**Prepare**  
- Update and fine-tune your resume and cover letter.

- Create or update your ePACKaccount.  
- Conduct a practice interview with a friend, employer, or a career counselor.  
- Speak with faculty about career interests and plans.

- Join a student organization that is related to your major or career of interest.

**Participate**  
- Attend career fairs and events to learn about internships and co-op.

- Apply for internships posted in ePACK.

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

- Document your experiences, skills, and accomplishments.

**JUNIOR YEAR**

**Prepare**  
- Update and fine-tune your resume and cover letter.

- Update your ePACKaccount.

- Conduct a practice interview with a friend, employer, or a career counselor.

- Thinking about grad school? Research application deadlines and test information.   
- Speak with faculty about career interest and plans.

**Participate**  
- Attend career fairs and events to learn about internships and co-op.

- Apply for internships posted in ePACK.

- Gain career related experience through an internship, volunteer, research, or co-op opportunity.   
- Become active in a campus or community organization or activity.

- Document your experiences, skills, and accomplishments.

- Develop relationships with faculty and employers to use as references.

**SENIOR YEAR**

**Prepare**  
- Update and fine-tune your resume and cover letter.

- Create a list of 3 references.

- Update your ePACKaccount and maximize your use of the system.

- Discuss your job search strategies with your career counselor.

- Speak with faculty about career interest and plans.

- Applying to grad school? Follow individual program guidelines and deadlines.

**Participate**  
- Attend career fairs and events to learn about entry-level jobs.

- Apply for jobs and on-campus interviews in ePACK.  
- Attend campus career fairs, information sessions, and other events.   
- Use all of the resources available through the UCC for one year following graduation.