Take action: Implement your plan.

Activities at this stage
- Join a club or organization
- Do experiential education activities
  - Register for classes including CPSP if appropriate
  - Apply for community service or research opportunities
- Learn how to prepare for an interview.
- Complete a practice interview.
- Determine how you will evaluate your experience.

Now, students can put the plan they created in the last step into action. They can decide what parts of their plan they can do now and what they need to prepare for next semester. Here are a few ways they can turn their plans into action:

1. If the plan is to register for specific classes to try out a major, they have already done the preparatory work. They should meet with their advisor to finalize their schedule and register for those classes.
2. If they plan to do community service, they should find an organization and apply for a volunteer position. Some positions may have a formal or informal process. If they wish to get academic credit for their service, they must register for the CPSP class.
3. As always, students can join a club or organization related to their major or career; they do not need to wait until next semester.

This is also a convenient time to learn more about interviewing. Some community service positions require an interview, and they will eventually need the preparation for internships. Our website has
resources on how to prepare for interviews. Students can log into Big Interview to practice their interviewing skills.

It is important to remember at this stage students are not “done”. They are starting to gather information that will be important when they return to the Explore stage and begin the process again. While they complete their volunteer work or take that introductory class, they should pay attention to what they like and dislike about the experience. These are prototypes, and they should be gathering data during the experience.

Class Activities

- Have students pair up to talk about what they want to learn during their experience next semester?
- Practice answering Behavioral interview questions using the STAR method https://career.albany.edu/resources/assignment-using-the-star-method-for-answering-interview-questions/

Resources

- UAlbany Education Abroad Office https://abroad.albany.edu/
- Community and Public Service Program https://www.albany.edu/community-public-service-program
- Minerva Center for High Impact Learning https://www.albany.edu/minerva-center
- Career and Professional Development internship page https://career.albany.edu/channels/search-for-a-job-internship/
- MyInvolvement https://myinvolvement.org/
- Handshake https://career.albany.edu/resources/handshake/
- Careershift https://career.albany.edu/resources/careershift/
- Big Interview https://career.albany.edu/resources/big-interview/
- STAR Method, tips for behavioral interviewing https://career.albany.edu/resources/the-star-method-tips-for-behavioral-interview-questions/

Assignments

- Big Interview https://career.albany.edu/resources/assignment-interview-preparation/
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