Our team empowers Merrimack College students to enter the workforce by charting a career exploration and development journey that focuses on developing and honing skills that employers are seeking.

All first year students are assigned a career advisor who guides them on this journey throughout their time at Merrimack. Sarah Mackler uses her years of experience in career advising in conjunction with a variety of cutting-edge technology tools to help prepare students in the Winston School of Education and Social Policy for the jobs of the future. In addition, your faculty advisors, academic advisors, and Success Coach are all important resources in helping you connect your academic pursuits with your career interests.

Check out the milestones for this career exploration and development journey on the next page and explore more about each by visiting career.merrimack.edu.

Follow us on social media @obriencenter for updated information on events and tips and tricks for success.
### First Year
**Explore - Who are you?**
- Sign up for FYE
- Explore AWATO
- Sign up for OBR1050
- Meet with your Career Advisor
- Discuss career with your faculty advisor

**Prepare - What do you want to be?**
- Get a Professional headshot
- Set up your LinkedIn profile
- Activate LinkedIn Learning
- What Can I Do With This Major?
- Quinncia for resume review

**Experience - How do you get there?**
- Join a club or volunteer
- Conduct an informational interview or job shadow
- Attend a networking event
- Sign in to Handshake

### Second Year
**Explore - Who are you?**
- Quinncia for Mock Interviews
- Review Burning Glass Labor Insight Report with Career Advisor
- Discuss career with your faculty advisor

**Prepare - What do you want to be?**
- What Can I Do With This Major?
- Informational interview or job shadow
- Identify skills to learn and pursue
- Internship or field experience coordinator meeting
- Learn requirements for internships, field experiences and practicums

**Experience - How do you get there?**
- Attend a networking event
- Attend a career fair
- Apply for an on-campus job, internship or externship
- Build professional network via LinkedIn

### Third Year
**Explore - Who are you?**
- Find Professional Associations to join using What Can I Do With This Major?
- Revisit Burning Glass Labor Insight with Career Advisor
- Discuss career with your faculty advisor

**Prepare - What do you want to be?**
- Informational interview or job shadow
- Use Quinncia for mock interviews
- Leadership role with club or organization

**Experience - How do you get there?**
- Attend a career fair
- Attend a networking event
- Consider applying to additional internships, field experiences and practicums
- Research graduate programs and begin preparing for applications (if interested)

### Fourth Year
**Explore - Who are you?**
- Research jobs and salaries with Burning Glass Labor Insight
- Handshake job search
- Discuss career with your faculty advisor

**Prepare - What do you want to be?**
- Organize your job search
- Graduate school application and submission
- Quinncia for mock interviews
- Build professional network via LinkedIn

**Experience - How do you get there?**
- Internship or Co-op
- Attend a networking event
- Attend a career fair