START WITH A PLAN...

explore

- Schedule an appointment for career counseling or drop-in
- Explore Clemson majors and take a career assessment to identify your skills, interests and values
- Create a ClemsonJobLink (CJL) account
- Develop a LinkedIn profile
- Build a résumé that accurately reflects your skills and education
- Attend career fairs, employer info sessions, workshops, and career-related events
- Find work or volunteer opportunities to help develop competencies and experience
- Explore O*NET and the Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Become familiar with the CCPD website
- Be critical of content on your social media
- Learn about internships, UPIC, and the Cooperative Education Program
- Join student organizations
- Shop in the Career Closet to build a professional wardrobe

engage

- Discuss your career direction with a career counselor; begin mapping skills to future jobs
- Revise your résumé and learn to tailor your cover letters
- Conduct informational interviews to learn about careers and expand your network
- Research and apply for internships (UPIC, off-campus or international), co-ops, and research opportunities
- Update CJL and LinkedIn profiles
- Learn how to navigate and use CJL, CareerShift, GoinGlobal and LinkedIn to find internships and full-time jobs
- Attend career fairs, employer info sessions, workshops, and career-related events
- Volunteer on campus or in the community
- Continue to find opportunities to collaborate with others
- Learn about study abroad opportunities
- Learn how to network; develop and practice an elevator pitch
...End With a Career

Experience Excel

- Update your résumé and perfect your cover letter writing skills
- Join LinkedIn Clemson Alumni groups and other relevant groups
- Build strong interviewing skills by learning how to articulate your career competencies
- Attend career fairs, employer info sessions, workshops, and career-related events
- Continue building your network; shadow professionals when appropriate
- Remain active in clubs and organizations and seek out leadership roles
- Research different graduate and professional schools and prepare for entrance exams
- Consider study abroad or other off-campus experiences
- Revisit the Career Closet to add to your professional wardrobe

- Monitor postings in CJL and other job search tools and begin applying
- Tailor your résumé to each job or graduate and professional school application
- Gather professional references
- Participate in a mock interview for jobs or graduate or professional schools
- Attend campus career fairs, employer info sessions, workshops, and career-related events
- Network and use LinkedIn
- Assist peers looking to develop their competencies and experiences
- Research organizations where you may want to work
- Gather information about job offers and salary ranges; refrain from reneging on an offer once you accept
- Submit applications to graduate or professional schools

Core Competencies Key

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Adaptability
- Analytical Skills
- Technology
- Self-Awareness
- Integrity & Ethics
- Brand
- Technology (self-awareness symbol)