

# Four Year Career Plan

## Map Out Your Career Path

### YEAR ONE

- SETTLE INTO CAMPUS & ACADEMIC LIFE
- FIND APPROPRIATE CAMPUS RESOURCES
- DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH RA, TA, UPPERCLASSMEN, & PROFESSORS
- MEET A CAREER AND/OR PRE-HEALTH ADVISOR
- EXPLORE CAREER INTERESTS, STRENGTHS, AND PERSONALITY THROUGH CAREER ASSESSMENTS
- CREATE A RESUME AND COVER LETTER
- LOG IN TO HANDSHAKE

### EXPLORATION

### YEAR TWO

- DECLARE A MAJOR/CONCENTRATION AFTER DISCUSSION WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR
- REVIEW PROFILES IN HANDSHAKE AND LINKEDIN
- CONCEPTUALIZE CAREER PLAN WITH YOUR CAREER ADVISOR
- SCHEDULE INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INDUSTRIES
- APPLY TO INTERNSHIPS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, OR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCES THAT INTEREST YOU
- PRACTICE IN CAREER-RELATED EVENTS (INFO SESSIONS, CAREER PANELS, & CAREER FAIRS)

### INVOLVEMENT

### YEAR THREE

- UPDATE YOUR CAREER ACTION PLAN WITH YOUR CAREER ADVISOR
- FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITES TO FURTHER PREPARE FOR THE JOB SEARCH
- FOLLOW UP WITH CONTACTS MADE THROUGH NETWORKING
- PRACTICE INTERVIEWING SKILLS BY DOING A MOCK INTERVIEW
- APPLY TO INTERNSHIPS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, OR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCES THAT INTEREST YOU
- EVALUATE INTERNSHIP OFFERS CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING

### EXPERIENCE

### YEAR FOUR

- DISCUSS GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINES WITH THE PRE-GRAD TEAM
- BE MINDFUL OF HIRING TIMELINES FOR DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES
- EVALUATE FULL TIME OFFERS CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING
- RESEARCH COST OF LIVING AND RELOCATION RESOURCES BEFORE COMMITTING TO OFFER
- COMPLETE CAREER PLANS SURVEYS
- REMEMBER CAREER SERVICES SERVES ALUMNI SO CHECK BACK IN EVEN AFTER YOU GRADUATE

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## Questions To Consider

### YEAR ONE

- ? WHAT ACTIVITIES DID YOU LIKE IN HIGH SCHOOL?
- ? WHAT CLASSES INTEREST YOU MOST?
- ? WHAT ARE YOUR SKILLS, VALUES, AND INTERESTS?
- ? WHAT DOESN'T INTEREST YOU?
- ? HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE PENN COMMUNITY?



### EXPLORATION

### YEAR TWO

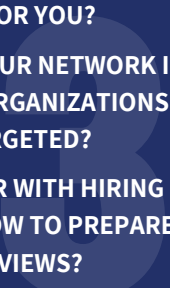
- ? WHAT LEADERSHIP ROLES CAN YOU PURSUE WITHIN YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS?
- ? WHAT CLASSES HAVE YOU DONE WELL IN AND ENJOYED THE MOST?
- ? DO YOU WANT TO STUDY OR INTERN ABROAD, AND WHEN?
- ? WHAT TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ARE YOU DEVELOPING IN YOUR WORK-STUDY, VOLUNTEER, OR CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES?



### INVOLVEMENT

### YEAR THREE

- ? HOW CAN YOU APPLY THE IMPACT YOU MADE WITHIN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS TO INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS?
- ? DO YOU WANT TO DECLARE A MINOR?
- ? WHAT INTERNSHIPS SEEM LIKE THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU?
- ? HAVE YOU BUILT YOUR NETWORK IN INDUSTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS YOU'VE TARGETED?
- ? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH HIRING TIMELINES AND HOW TO PREPARE FOR INTERVIEWS?



### EXPERIENCE

### YEAR FOUR

- ? WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 1-2 YEARS AFTER COLLEGE?
- ? ARE YOU STILL INTERESTED IN PURSUING AN ADVANCED DEGREE?
- ? HAVE YOU RECEIVED AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED FULL-TIME OFFERS?
- ? HAVE YOU CHECKED IN WITH CAREER SERVICES?



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