

YOUR JUNIOR YEAR:

- ❑ Meet with two key professors at least once each semester (you will need recommendations in your job search). Meet with a Career Services coordinator to discuss career progression and preparation for the internship job search.
- ❑ Attend Career and Counseling Services' annual fall and spring Job Expos to explore internship possibilities and to make connections for possible employment after graduation.
- ❑ Go to a career event offered by your department to meet alumni in your field of interest and learn what they are doing in their professional careers and how they found their jobs.
- ❑ Secure an internship for career-related experience and networking.
- ❑ Learn about job search, interviewing, and resume writing skills by attending Career and Counseling Services workshops.
- ❑ Target an alumnus from your field of interest through the Career Consultant Network for an in-depth career conversation.
- ❑ To help you prepare for job interviews, do a videotaped mock interview at Career and Counseling Services and receive feedback.
- ❑ Consider running for office in a student organization.

YOUR SENIOR YEAR:

- ❑ See a Career Services coordinator to develop a year-long plan for your job search campaign.
- ❑ Attend Career and Counseling Services' annual fall and spring Job Expos to make connections for possible employment after graduation.
- ❑ Talk with a career coordinator to find out about PenguinLink, YSU's online career site, for job opportunities.
- ❑ Get your resume up to date with the help of a Career Services coordinator early in the fall semester.
- ❑ Post your resume on PenguinLink so that employers know you are looking for a job
- ❑ Sign up for on-campus interviews to secure a job.
- ❑ Meet with two professors to ask for recommendations for your job search.

Congratulations!
you are ready
to sail into
your career!



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**Pathways
 to Career
 Success**

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Pathways to Career SUCCESS: Charting Your Course!!

As you begin your college career at Youngstown State University, this Pathways to Career Success brochure that you now hold in your hands is intended to serve as a guide for you to use in mapping out and building your own record of success from which to launch your career after graduation. Building your own personal record of success takes time. You must start early and stay involved!

You come to YSU with many hopes and dreams for your future, even more hopes and dreams will unfold before you during the years ahead.

To realize your dreams and to discover the ones waiting for you, you need to be intentional. Plan, focus, follow through, and yet at the same time stay flexible and creatively open to exploring new possibilities.

Pathways to Career Success provides a set of useful principles and a checklist of actions you can take to more fully use the resources available to you here at YSU.

Chart your course carefully and use your time at Youngstown State to your best advantage. If you do, when you reach graduation you will have built a solid foundation for future academic and career success.

PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS:

- EVERYONE needs help at many points along the way. Be a true learner and seek guidance
- Learning about the world of work and possible careers takes time. As a first-year student, visit the Office of Career and Counseling Services to discover the resources available to you.
- Do what you love to do. You will do it well. If you don't like your major and are not doing well, change majors.
- Take the MyPlan career planning program. Find out who you are and what career field you will enjoy.
- Build a strong academic record—one that makes you proud.
- Strong records of achievement are built over time. Do not wait until your senior year to start this. Begin now!
- You will need connections. Get to know your professors and staff and let them get to know you.
- Employers look for evidence of experience in your career area. Gain experience through active involvement in campus organizations and look for opportunities to take leadership roles and make contributions.

YOUR FIRST YEAR:

- ❑ Make an appointment and introduce yourself to your academic advisor. Meet with your academic advisor at least once during both the fall and spring semesters to discuss progress and issues.
- ❑ Meet weekly with your peer mentor in the Center for Student Progress.
- ❑ Complete the Career Survey given by the Center for Student Progress.
- ❑ Complete the MyPlan Career Planning Program and meet with a Career Services coordinator to review results and develop plans.
- ❑ Work with a Career Services coordinator to develop your resume for finding summer employment.
- ❑ Attend Career and Counseling Services' fall and spring Job Expos to learn about careers of interest.
- ❑ Explore career events produced by academic departments to learn about different career fields.
- ❑ Check out at least three organizations on campus; become an active member of at least one.
- ❑ Investigate study abroad opportunities through the Center for International Studies and Programs.

YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- ❑ Meet with your academic advisor at least once per semester to discuss your academic program and get advice.
- ❑ Meet at least once with each of your professors (they need to know you).
- ❑ If you have not yet taken the MyPlan Career Planning Program, speak with a Career Services coordinator to register. Upon completing the program, meet to review results and set individual career goals.
- ❑ Attend Career and Counseling Services' fall and spring Job Expos to make connections for possible summer internships or jobs.
- ❑ Continue attending departmental career events to learn about career fields in your major.
- ❑ Investigate Career and Counseling Services' Career Consultant Network Program and set up at least one informational interview with a YSU graduate in a career field of interest to you.
- ❑ Meet with a Career Services coordinator to revise and update your resume with the goal of attaining a summer internship.
- ❑ Maintain active involvement in at least one organization.