



Four-Year Success Plan

Freshman *Start Now!*

- Set personal, academic, and career exploration goals
- Assess your interests, skills, and values and how these relate to various careers – consider taking an interest inventory assessment
- Use Career Resource Library and your network to research majors/careers
- Participate in extra-curricular activities
- Consult with your Academic Advisor
- Become familiar with the majors at WC
- Obtain part-time employment, a volunteer position, and/or a summer job in an area of interest
- Learn and practice good college study skills
- Become familiar with WC educational support services, such as tutoring, language labs, and the library
- Enroll in various courses to explore interests and majors
- Begin to establish a strong GPA
- Always seek assistance if needed

Sophomore

- Continue career exploration through resources/workshops offered by Center for Career Development
- Job shadow with professionals in careers of interest
- Conduct informational interviews
- Select a major by the end of the spring semester
- Utilize resume writing information to draft a resume
- Send resume to CareerSrv for critique
- Consider studying abroad
- Apply for summer internship
- Obtain part-time, career-related experience
- Become more active in student organizations
- Consult with your Academic Advisor
- Enroll in courses to further explore possible majors, minors and careers
- Maintain strong GPA

Junior

- Relate chosen major to specific career fields
- Discuss vocational interests with faculty, alumni, friends and family (network)
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals
- Participate in internship or other experiential learning
- Utilize Center for Career Development resources and workshops
- Take on leadership roles in campus organizations
- Participate in recorded mock interviews
- Consult with your Academic Advisor
- Investigate graduate school programs, if applicable
- Join student/professional associations related to your academic and career interests
- Choose elective courses to enhance and strengthen your qualifications
- Utilize Internet for graduate school catalogs and applications, if applicable
- Maintain strong GPA
- Prepare for and take graduate admissions exams (summer before senior year)

Senior

- Attend Senior Orientation/Job Searching session in Fall
- Share career and graduate school goals with Center for Career Development staff
- Build on career-related work/internship experience
- Register for on-campus interviews, if applicable
- Attend Career EXPO in February
- Check out job openings through Center for Career Development
- Attend Center for Career Development workshops
- Have resume and cover letters critiqued by the Center for Career Development
- Continue to network and develop more career-related contacts with alumni and other professionals
- Prioritize participation in campus activities and professional organizations
- Set aside time every week to work on job/graduate school search - very important
- Apply to graduate and professional schools, if applicable
- Check with Registrar to make sure you meet graduation requirements
- Consult with your Academic Advisor
- Take courses that will further enhance your career goals and provide you with additional skills helpful in the workplace (i.e. professional communication, advanced writing classes, and computer classes)
- Maintain strong GPA
- Complete Senior Questionnaire before leaving campus—let the Center for Career Development know when you secure employment or acceptance to a graduate program.