

SENIOR YEAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Now is the time to finalize applications to graduate school or intensify your search for full-time work or service opportunities after graduation. It's never too soon to start this process. Hit the ground running during your fourth year by meeting with a career counselor over the summer or the beginning of fall semester.



CHECKLIST

Prepare to launch:

- Meet with your academic advisor(s) to finalize academic plans and make sure you are on track for graduation.
- Begin your comprehensive job search and/or finalize graduate school plans as early as the fall.
- Discuss your career and/or graduate school choices with a career counselor, professors, and other professionals to get advice about the job search or graduate school application process.
- Participate in an internship during the school year, if you haven't done so already—doing more than one internship during college is encouraged.
- Set up a practice interview with a CDC career counselor.
- Continue to attend CDC programs and workshops.
- Target specific jobs and career interests through research and networking.
- Connect with employers through on-campus recruitment activities, job fairs, and online platforms like Handshake.
- Connect with potential references (professors and supervisors) to request and collect letters of recommendation.
- Complete professional exams (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT etc.) and submit application materials for graduate school during fall semester.
- Perfect your résumé and cover letter(s) by having them reviewed by the CDC staff.
- Polish your LinkedIn and Handshake profiles and expand your connections.
- Complete the [Career Ready Reflection Sheet](#) and practice sharing your skills with others.

READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

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