Your path TO CAREER SUCCESS

Career Process

Self Assessment

- Begin to clarify your career interests through classes, student organizations, and community service (visit the Learn and Serve Office)
- Choose your initial major and/or concentration and learn about your potential career paths
- Talk to individuals already employed about careers related to your interests
- Visit the Career Services Office to discuss ideas for the future, internships and summer employment opportunities
- Obtain a part-time and/or summer job to develop interpersonal skills, help finance your education and build responsible work habits

Explore Options

- Meet with a Career Services professional to begin compiling interests, strengths, skills, abilities and values using self-assessment inventories available such as the Strong Interest Inventory, Self-Directed Search, and Myers Briggs Type Indicator
- Research careers related to your major choice
- Conduct informational interviews with alumni, relatives, family friends
- Obtain information about participating in an internship, which enables you to receive real-world work experience and earn academic credit
- Utilize work experience to further develop work-related skills and improve self-confidence

Experiment and Evaluate

- Create a résumé and have it critiqued by Career Services
- Participate in a practice interview to begin articulating what you have learned from your academic and experiential learning opportunities
- Explore and apply for internship opportunities
- Seek leadership opportunities in campus organizations related to your major
- Network and join professional organizations and community groups
- Investigate the role of graduate school in your chosen career field by visiting **petersons.com** and **gradschools.com** as well as discussing with your academic advisor

Implement Your Plan

- Define your post-graduation goals and implement your plan
- Meet with Career Services to discuss graduate school and/or job search strategies
- Understand what employers and graduate/professional schools are looking for in candidates and be able to discuss how your knowledge, skills, and abilities will be an asset to their organization
- Attend career fairs to network with job recruiters
- Continue to update your résumés and cover letters
- Research your options, be open to different opportunities, use your resources to help you Get Hired!