The Path to Employability - Strategies for Getting Started & Finishing Strong

Career Center
The Career Center is just for resumes and job fairs.
You should start visiting the Career Center your first semester.
We educate and empower students and alumni in their development of lifelong career management skills.
True or False?

Your major/degree determines your career.
True or False?

4 out of 5 students change their MAJOR at least once!

SOURCE: National Center for Education Statistics
True or False?

Once I commit to a major my career path is laid out for me.
Holly Johnson  
College of Arts & Sciences:  
Math, Science, Psychology

Chantelle Davidson  
Business (first-year students),  
HRSM, Honors College,  
and Capstone

Rachael Silvey  
Health Professions:  
Public Health, Nursing,  
Social Work, Pharmacy

Christine Mosich  
Engineering & Computing

Coming Soon!  
College of Arts & Sciences:  
Humanities, Social Sciences,  
Arts, and undecided majors

Coming Soon!  
Education, Information  
& Communications,  
and Music

Coming Soon!  
Engineering & Computing

Career Development Coaches
Career Readiness

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communication
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency

SOURCE: National Association of Colleges and Employers Career Ready Core Competencies
Employment Perceptions

Relative Importance of Attributes in Evaluating Graduates for Hire

- Internships: 23
- Employment During College: 21
- College Major: 13
- College GPA: 8

Scale = 0 to 100

SOURCE: Kevin Kruger, NASPA President, South Carolina Women in Higher Education Conference Presentation (2019)
Gaining Experience

Internships/Co-operative Education Experiences

Students with an internship earned 
$7,441 more than students without an internship

Students who reported working full-time as a result of a full-time internship reported an average salary 
$53,392

SOURCE: University of South Carolina 2017 Baccalaureate Graduate Report
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Opportunity Knocks

Part-time Job Fair

Russell House Ballroom

August 23
*During Welcome Week
Post Graduate Success Practices

1. Attend a campus recruiting event (i.e. career fairs)
2. Contact university alumnus for career advice
3. Student organizations (social and academic)
4. Internship
5. Start job search more than one year before graduation
Office of Pre-Professional Advising

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