

first year

Your career development began before you arrived at the university and will continue your entire life.

Now is the time to gain important skills that will sustain you in this development. There are many factors that contribute to your career success, and Career Services is here to help you identify and develop them while you are at the university. Our career advisors have identified five aspects of career development and recommend goals for you to accomplish during each year of your education at ASU. Use these guidelines as a template and adapt them to your specific circumstances. Use our checklist to measure your progress toward developing your own career plan.

SELF ASSESSMENT

___ Verify that you are in the right major. Take some time to review the course descriptions of some of the classes you will be taking in your junior or senior year. Did you know that ASU has more than 250 majors? If you are wondering about the best academic program for you, freshman year is the ideal time to learn about other options.

CAREER DECISION MAKING

___ Get off to a strong start academically. Employers and graduate schools take academic performance seriously. Performing well in your first two semesters is an important step to long-term career success. Your grades will also affect entry into or continuance in some programs

OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH

___ Attend at least two career workshops offered through Career Services during the academic year. Did you know that Career Services offers engaging workshops on everything from identifying your skills to personality and career choice?

___ Attend Career Connections during the fall semester. Meet with alumni who will share how they prepared for and succeeded in their careers. Gain advice and guidance on how you can do the same!

free career workshops

Career Services offers **FREE** workshops on a wide range of topics: how to write a resume, interviewing techniques, and business etiquette. All participants receive a free copy of the **ASU STEPS Career Guide**. Visit our Web site for more information and a schedule.

GAIN AND EVALUATE EXPERIENCE

___ Review the list of student organizations at ASU and join one. Student involvement is a key aspect that employers review when hiring new employees or interns. Clubs also provide a fun way to meet new people and gain valuable professional skills.

JOB SEARCH STRATEGY

___ Attend the two biggest career events offered during the year: Career Fiesta in September and the Collegiate Job and Internship Fair in February. Talk with employers to discover what they are looking for in their new interns or full-time employees.

Career Connections, bringing together students and alumni

Every Fall, Career Services and the Alumni Association host an event called Career Connections. ASU graduates from a wide range of occupations return to campus to talk about how they prepared for and succeeded in their careers. Don't be shy; they know what it's like to be a freshman! They simply want to share their stories and offer guidance on your career choices.