

Industry Career Preparedness Timeline

Year 1	Year 2
Early Self-Development, Career Exploration & Peer Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a Career Center orientation/overview (e.g. Summer Bridge or GROW). • Complete a career/skills self-assessment offered by Student Career Center (e.g., Clifton Strengths). • Activate & complete Handshake Account 	Core Professional Tools & Prepare for Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update resume + LinkedIn and request feedback: track accomplishments and transferable skills • Attend at least one career & internship fair and connect with an employer. • Complete Forage Job Simulation or Parke Dewey Micro Internship • International students: learn CPT/OPT eligibility and timelines with International Student Services.
Year 3	Year 4 - 5
Explore Career Interests & Gaining Experience & Professional skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize resume + LinkedIn profile: Make appointment with career specialist • Identify top 2-3 career sectors/roles of interest. • Apply to at least one internship opportunity (begin fall semester) • Attend Global Mentorship Initiative (GMI) info session & apply 	Prepare to Launch Professional Career <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct at least 2 informational interviews • Submit at least 3 job applications: Identify 2-3 reference contacts. • Networking: attend at least 2 employer events or conferences • International students: Complete all CPT/OPT paperwork if applicable