

SENIOR YEAR CAREER PLAN

YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO CAREER PLANNING SUCCESS

It's your senior year — prepare to stand out!
To get ready for a successful transition to the next chapter of your professional journey, have a polished resume, excellent interviewing skills, and internship or job experience. Take steps now to complete tasks for employment or graduate/professional school admissions.

SEEK EMPLOYMENT

See a career specialist to ensure you are on target to achieve your career goals for employment after graduation. Attend Employer Information Sessions and Career Fairs to network with employers.

- Create a personalized strategy and identify your next steps with a career specialist.
 - Utilize social media to network with employers and search for internship and job opportunities.
 - Attend these workshops and events: *Career Fairs, Job Discovery Series, Employer Information Sessions, Making a Great First Impression on the Job, Where are the Jobs? Job Search Strategies, What's My Worth? Salary Negotiation, and Mastering LinkedIn.*
 - Set up search agents based on career interests in UCR Handshake to alert you of new postings and opportunities.
 - Participate in the Virtual Campus Interview program.
- In the “Jobs” section of your UCR Handshake account, click on “Virtual Campus Interviews” to see a list of all upcoming interview opportunities and apply.

APPLY TO GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

See a career specialist to ensure you are on target to achieve your graduate/professional school goals. Refer to graduate and professional school application timelines and attend Graduate/Professional School Fairs to network with representatives.

- Attend *Graduate, Professional, and Law School Fair, and Health Professions School Information Day Fair.*
- Complete graduate/professional school applications and apply.
- Continue to get related campus, community, and volunteer experience.
- Get letters of recommendation. Give faculty members one to three months of advance notice and share your resume or CV with them as well.
- Write your personal statement. The Academic Resource Center (ARC) offers assistance with this.

STAY FOCUSED

Continue to network and get internship or work experience before you graduate to verify your interests and build experience. Keep track of where you have applied for jobs, and follow up with employers and/or graduate school admissions representatives. Use a “to-do list” to stay organized.

- Develop a system, such as an Excel spreadsheet, to keep track of where you have applied.
- Continue to develop and maintain your professional contacts.

For more information on this and other resources to prepare for your future career, email careercounseling@ucr.edu.

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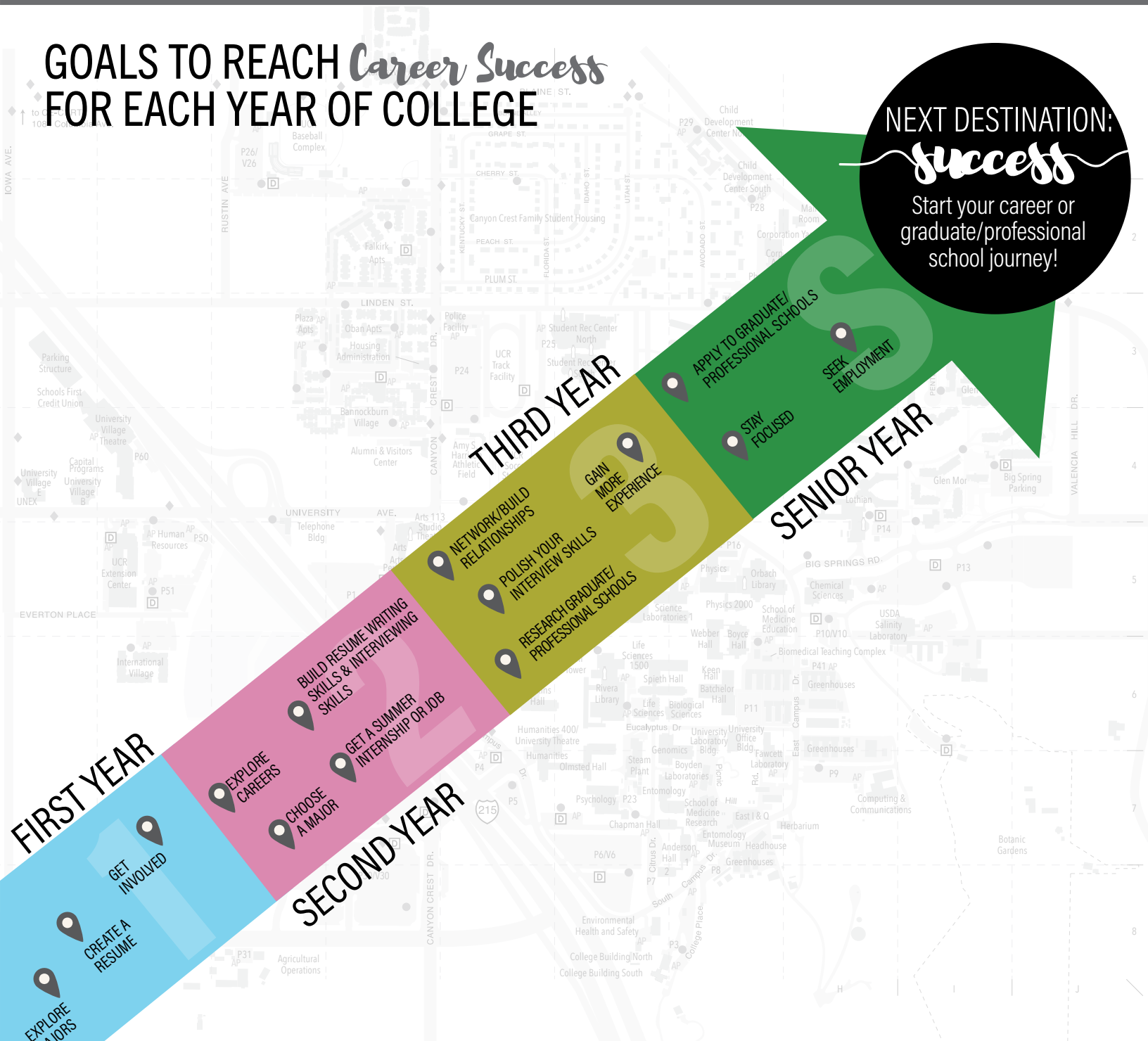
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GOALS TO REACH *Career Success* FOR EACH YEAR OF COLLEGE

NEXT DESTINATION:

Success

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