

# Career Planning Checklist: Juniors

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As a Junior, the Career Center is here to help you gain meaningful experience and create a preliminary plan for your future. What can you do NOW to prepare for life after graduation? Gaining experience will either confirm your career interests or encourage you to explore other possibilities. It will also help you to build a marketable résumé. Get a head start and begin building your network of people and places. Here are some resources available to you as a Junior:

- One-on-One Career Counseling Sessions**  
Meet with a career counselor about opportunities to test out your interests and develop relevant skill sets.
- Gain Experience**  
Gaining experience can happen in a variety of ways: an internship, on-campus organizations, service learning, work-study positions, and many more. Don't miss out on this opportunity to develop professional skills while hopefully having a good time!
- Professional Development Training & Resources**  
Prepare for the transition to the world of work by building professional skills in résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing, job searching, networking, and marketing yourself to employers. The Career Center provides individualized training in all of these areas.
- Graduate School Preparation**  
If graduate school may be in your future, now is the time to begin planning. Career counselors are here to assist you throughout the planning and application processes.
- Alumni Career Network**  
Get first-hand advice about a career field of interest by talking with a Messiah alumnus who is currently working in that field! For information on how to get connected, check out the Career Center website.
- Events and Programs**  
Each year, the Career Center sponsors a variety of career-related programs. Watch for information about events such as our annual Career and Graduate School Expo, Teacher Recruitment Day, Accounting Night, Nursing Fair, Graduate School Practice Test Drives, and other locally-sponsored employment fairs.
- Career Center Website**  
For a complete overview of our services, upcoming events, career exploration resources, and more, browse through our website: [www.messiah.edu/offices/career](http://www.messiah.edu/offices/career).

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