

# Career Planning Checklist: **Seniors**

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You may be feeling excited, overwhelmed, or anxious about life after Messiah College. That's completely natural! What's in sight for you after graduation? Employment? Grad school? Full-time service? Whatever your plan, let the Career Center help you explore your options and sort through your goals as you prepare for this transition. Here is a checklist of resources to guide you through your Senior year:

- One-on-One Career Counseling Sessions**  
Meet with a career counselor to discuss your ideas and next steps. Let us help you connect your interests with employment or graduate school opportunities.
- 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!
- Job Search Database: eRecruiting**  
The Career Center maintains an active database of job postings and employer contacts. Log-on to your account, and check postings frequently, as they are updated daily. After having your résumé critiqued, upload and post it in an eRecruiting "Résumé Book" for employers to view.
- 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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