

Career Planning Timeline

Freshman Year- Awareness Stage

- ✓ Take a self –assessment inventory. In Career Services we offer the Myers-Briggs and the Strong Interest Inventory.
- ✓ Register for the one credit IC 205, "Majors, Careers, Self-Exploration" and learn how to integrate these areas of knowledge into sound decision-making strategies.
- ✓ Work with your advisor to develop an initial curriculum plan that allows you to take a variety of courses
- ✓ Evaluate what you are learning in class, what skills you are developing, and what classes you enjoy the most
- ✓ Examine your extracurricular activities and think about why you enjoy particular hobbies, volunteer work or sports
- ✓ Prepare your resume to assess what skills you already have and what skills would you like to develop. Career Services can help you develop a professional looking resume

Sophomore Year- Exploration Stage

- ✓ Do some “informational interviewing” and “networking” as a way to know people in different occupations and learn more about what they do
- ✓ Attend the Career Expo held in September at the Kohl Center to meet employers and explore what’s out there in the world of occupations
- ✓ Take a part-time, volunteer or summer job to “test out” a career field
- ✓ Solidify your curriculum plan with your advisor
- ✓ Get involved in at least one extra curricular activity
- ✓ Attend the Etiquette Dinner

Junior Year- Experience Stage

- ✓ Plan to have an internship experience related to your field. Check with your advisor about receiving credit for your experience
- ✓ Attend the job and internships fairs throughout the year. One such an event is the Wisconsin Private Colleges Job & Internship Fair held every year in February

- ✓ Continue to be involved in student organizations and work towards a leadership position
- ✓ Participate in the Leadership Series and Leadership Conferences
- ✓ Cultivate relationships with your advisor or other faculty members so that you will have good references for graduate school or employment
- ✓ Register for the one credit IC405 Course, Job Search Strategies for Juniors & Seniors
- ✓ Discuss graduate school options with the faculty and Career Services
- ✓ Participate in Mock Interviews
- ✓ Attend the Life After Edgewood events
- ✓ Take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) , the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), etc if you're heading to Graduate School

Senior Year- Choice Stage

- ✓ Complete a second or third internship or other practical experience
- ✓ If you haven't taken it yet, register for the one credit IC405 Course, Job Search Strategies for Juniors & Seniors
- ✓ Attend the Life After Edgewood events in the spring
- ✓ Participate in Mock Interviews in the Fall and Spring
- ✓ Identify a career objective or target
- ✓ Research potential employers using the resources in Career Services
- ✓ Apply for graduate school early in the fall semester
- ✓ Continue to attend job fairs and networking events