OPPORTUNITIES
PREPARE
EXPLORE
EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE TO CAREER PATHWAY

Career Services
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
STEP ONE
EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES

- Use Career Services resources to explore future career options.
- Explore academic options and narrow down your interests with the Majors Card Sort or What Can I Do With This Major tools.
- Create or update your resume using VMock.
- Learn how to build professional skills that will appeal to future employers and make a plan for developing these skills through the Skills for Success program.
- Join a student organization or volunteer to further explore your interests and develop your skills.
- Complete the YouScience assessment and review your top recommended careers and majors.
- Create a profile on Handshake to explore internships and part-time jobs and stay informed about events and workshops.

STEP TWO
START SEEKING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Gain professional experience through a job simulation (such as Forage), a part-time job or job shadowing. Attend a workshop or explore online resources, such as Handshake or FirstHand, to find opportunities.
- Attend events that feature alumni and employers to learn more about the world of work.
- Practice for interviews with InterviewStream. You can share your recording with trusted advisors for on-demand feedback.
- Make a profile on LinkedIn and use VMock’s Aspire tool to optimize your profile. Stop by Career Services to use the free photo booth and add a headshot to your profile.
- Connect with CU Boulder alumni on the Forever Buffs Network.
- Build career-relevant skills by taking on a leadership role in a student organization, getting a part-time job or internship or participating in programs that build skills. Know what job you want? Request a personalized skills report to find out what skills employers want when hiring that role.
- Consult with Career Services if you are considering medical school, law school or other graduate school options to learn about timelines and preparation.
- Grow your professional network through informational interviews.

WHERE WILL YOU ROAM?
STEP THREE
EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Apply for internships and other experiences using Handshake.
- Participate in workshops to learn how to tailor your resume and cover letter to highlight your skills and create your search strategy.
- Revise your resume using VMock. Remember to feature relevant skills for the work you want, and upload your resume to Handshake. Make sure your profile is visible to employers.
- Attend career fairs and employer events in your field of interest.
- Continue building your professional network. Identify professional organizations and associations using What Can I Do With This Major or FirstHand related to your career interests.
- Check in on your Skills for Success skill-building plan. Are you building a balance of both foundational and technical skills? Do you know which skills are required for the career you’d like? If you need a refresher or an update to your plan, request a skills report to see which skills you should be building now and learn how to build career-relevant skills.

STEP FOUR
FINISH STRONG

- Start your full-time job search six to nine months before graduation. By starting early, you can break down the big task of finding a job into smaller, manageable tasks.
- Attend Career Services’ workshops to clarify your job search strategy and find out how to highlight your skills in the job search.
- Talk with potential employers throughout your final year at CU Boulder, and attend career fairs and employer-related events.
- Gather examples of how you use your professional skills for interviews and resume bullet points.
- Polish your resume with VMock and, and work on your interview skills with InterviewStream.
- Connect with Career Services if graduate or professional school is your next step after graduation to plan your application process.