

# SENIOR YEAR

## Career Checklist

### Need help?

The DePaul Career Center is ready and waiting to help you transition from college to career.

Stop by or schedule an appointment today.

### Prepare 1

- ◆ Meet with a Career Advisor to discuss job search strategies and create a plan.
- ◆ Build effective job-finding tools. Translate your skills and achievements into a tailored resume, portfolio, and cover letter.
- ◆ Continue building experience through an internship, part-time job or volunteer activities. No previous experience? Find an internship at [DePaul.Experience.com](http://DePaul.Experience.com).
- ◆ If you are considering graduate school, check application dates, draft a personal statement, and take the necessary entrance exam.

### Practice 2

- ◆ Refine your interviewing skills with pros. Participate in the Interviewing Skills workshops, practice online at [depaul.interviewstream.com](http://depaul.interviewstream.com) or schedule practice interviews with ASK mentors through [ask.depaul.edu](http://ask.depaul.edu).
- ◆ Create your 30-second “elevator pitch,” a brief introduction including your core skills, interest areas and goals.

### Network 3

- ◆ Create a list. Compile all of your networking contacts from academic, internship, volunteer and social connections.
- ◆ Connect with professionals and learn more about a particular path or organization through informational interviewing. Reach out to ASK mentors through [ask.depaul.edu](http://ask.depaul.edu).
- ◆ Create/update your LinkedIn profile. Join the Career Center’s Virtual Career Networking Lounge. Connect to everyone you’ve met through your internship, summer job and or volunteer experiences.
- ◆ Attend Career Center, student organization and professional industry networking events.

### Search 4

- ◆ Ask around! Reach out to contacts and find opportunities through informational interviews with DePaul alumni, employers, on-campus interviewing and networking leads.
- ◆ Begin your job search three to six months before you graduate! Attend job fairs, apply to positions on [depaul.experience.com](http://depaul.experience.com), and send inquiry cover letters and resumes to companies of interest.
- ◆ Look ahead to your financial future. Attend the Financial Fitness workshop, The Graduate’s Guide to Financial Success.

