

Freshman Year Career Path for Success

Follow these steps to kickstart your career readiness journey

1

Meet with your Career Advisor!

- Discuss career exploration & get early career advice
- Find an internship for your summer!

Make a career advising appointment by emailing career@kean.edu or by visiting CAS-201

2

Activate your College Central Account!

Take the Career Assessment test to see what majors or careers would work well with your talents, skills, and goals

3

Create a LinkedIn Account and start building your network! Connect with your advisors, professors, & classmates

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- ☐ Have a working copy of your resume
- ☐ Start volunteering regularly
- ☐ Follow @keancareerserv on IG & TikTok
- ☐ Seek out professionals to start building connections in your desired fields
- ☐ Stay updated with Career Services by checking CougarLink often!

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Connect with your career advisor early so you always know whom to turn to for career advice!

Attend workshops or information sessions designed to better yourself for your career!
Learn about career readiness, resume writing, or hear from specific employers!

It's never too early to start developing yourself for your career!



SOPHOMORE YEAR

Career Path for Success

Get involved to keep building towards career success

1

Continue active exploration of your career!

- Meet with your career advisor to discuss career paths.
- Check CougarLink, LinkedIn, & other sites to learn about workshops you can attend.
- Keep building your resume and gaining experience to become more marketable to employers.

There is more than one career path for you!

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Complete your Handshake profile & keep making connections on LinkedIn! LinkedIn is great for announcing your academic and career accomplishments and for reaching out to professionals in your desired fields.

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Complete an internship to gain out-of-classroom experience and career exposure

- Search College Central Network, Indeed, LinkedIn, or Handshake for opportunities
- Meet with your career advisor to perfect your resume and interview skills!

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Start thinking about graduate school programs!

- Go over the requirements and due dates for each program.
- Talk to admissions counselors! Some schools have open houses, virtual tours, or admissions counselors you can set up appointments with.
- It's never too early to start studying for entrance exams: LSAT, GRE, MCAT

Learn new skills to add to your resume and keep building towards a successful career!



JUNIOR YEAR Career Path for Success

Work on confidence to secure yourself in your career

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By junior year, you should have some internship, volunteer, shadowing, or work experience. If you don't, getting this should be your number one priority!

- Continue searching for more opportunities on LinkedIn, Indeed, College Central, etc.

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Think about what areas you would be interested in researching!

For some areas of study, having completed research projects is vital for grad school acceptance or workplace success. Talk to your academic advisor about doing an independent study!

Leadership roles on campus allow you to get involved and can help strengthen your resume!

3

Schedule exams for grad school!

- Give yourself enough time to take the tests more than once
- Use test prep tools like Kaplan, Khan Academy, Magoosh etc.

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If you haven't already, find a mentor!

- A career mentor will help you become the best version of yourself in your career.
- You will need letters of recommendation in the future, and now is the time you build relationships that lead to letters. Go to office hours, ask questions, and do your best to connect with your professors.
- Don't expect people to know who you are if you do not put the effort into getting to know them!

Update your resume regularly!
Meet with your career advisor for mock interviewers, resume editing, or other career advice!

You're almost to graduation; we are proud of your hard work!



SENIOR YEAR Career Path for Success

Finish your undergraduate and secure a successful job

CONGRATULATIONS

Start looking for full-time positions early during senior year.

- Visit college central, Indeed, LinkedIn, USAjobs, and other job websites.
- Polish your resume, keep up with your Linked In, and make sure you are completing volunteer work.



Meet with your academic advisor early to make sure you are still on schedule to graduate!

Plan to participate in Kean's Research Days!

- Having presented research looks impressive for grad school or employment opportunities.
- You get to answer questions about a project you worked on, which is great practice for future presentations.

Make sure you are studying and prepping for grad school entrance exams!

Run for E-Board positions for on-campus organizations to gain leadership experience!

Career Resources



Set up an appointment with your Career Advisor!

Polish your resume, set up a mock interview, and get assistance securing your career!

CAS-201 | email career@kean.edu