



CAREERSERVICES UCSB

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EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Navigating Your Future

This path may be for you if you are interested in working with, communicating with, and/or teaching people. You may want to help or provide service to others in areas such as:

- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Teaching English Overseas
- ◆ Human Resources
- ◆ Teaching (K-12)
- ◆ Social Work
- ◆ Psychological Services
- ◆ Librarianship

Gaucho Paths to Success (GPS) is a career education program offering you a framework to effectively pursue various occupational areas, through optimizing your academic, experiential, and career development preparation.

EXPLORE OPTIONS

Here are some initial questions to ask yourself:

- ◆ How do you want to work with people?
- ◆ What population do you want to work with?
- ◆ Which of your interests and skills do you want to put to work?
- ◆ What environment do you see yourself working in?

Career Preparation

- Sign up for any of these FREE assessments with a peer advisor in Career Resource Room (CRR):
 - ◆ **Strong Interest Inventory**
 - ◆ **Strengths Finder**
 - ◆ **Myers-Briggs Type Indicator**
 - ◆ **Career Leader**
 - ◆ **Focus 2**
- Read **library books in the CRR**, such as: *Career Opportunities in Education and Related Services*, *Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services*, *Career Opportunities in the Non-profit Sector*, and so many more!
- Browse through related **career binders** of our online career library, such as: *Human Resources* and *Counselor*
- Read Field/Occupation-specific handouts in our online Handout Hub
- Conduct **Informational Interviews** with professionals in your area of interest
 - ◆ What does a typical day in this profession look like?
 - ◆ What is the most rewarding part of your position?
 - ◆ What do you not like about your position?
 - ◆ What advice do you have for someone wanting to pursue this career path?
- Meet with a Career Counselor to discuss your findings

Academic Preparation

- Speak with **undergraduate academic advisor** to ensure you are on track with your major
- Attend lectures, symposia, performances and conferences held in your department to gain insight into current trends
- Maintain a **competitive GPA** within your major
- Utilize **campus resources** (e.g., CLAS, professors/TA office hours, study groups or private tutoring)
- Meet with **professors** during office hours to discuss your career goals and learn about research opportunities

GET EXPERIENCE

Experience interacting with people in virtually any way will help your qualifications. Don't be too picky!

Connect with Career

- Sign up for **Handshake** and check out internships/part-time jobs
- Attend **Career Services workshops** (résumés/cover letters, job & internship search, interview strategies)
- Review **Get Experience in Education & Human Services** on Career website
- Attend annual Graduate & Professional School Day (November)

Internships/ Part-time Employment/Volunteering

- Review **Internship Toolkit** on Handshake
- Check out **www.Internships.com**
- Sign up for your **academic department's listserv**
- Seek **part-time job** employment working with people
- Seek **volunteer opportunities** via the **Community Affairs Board** or the online **2-1-1 directory**
- Join one or more **student organizations** via **OrgSync**
- Meet with counselor during **CRR drop-in hours** to review your résumé/cover letter

Research

- Connect with professors to obtain **research assistant positions**
- Review the **Faculty Research Assistance Program (FRAP)** directory for on-campus research opportunities
- Check out **Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA)** for opportunities to work with faculty

International

- Consider studying abroad through **Education Abroad Program (EAP)**
- Research **international internship** opportunities (ex: GoInGlobal)

Networking

- Attend a **LinkedIn** and **Networking workshop**
- Set up **LinkedIn profile** to build connections

Job Shadowing

- Identify opportunities and act on them

GET EXPERIENCE (cont.)

Leadership

- Take on a leadership role in a **class project**
- Apply for a leadership role in a **student organization**
- Consider **Leadership Certificate Program (LCP)** offered through Office of Student Life

MOVE FORWARD

Industry

Connect with Career

- Check out full-time jobs on **Handshake**
- Review **National Job Links, Job Search Tips & Guidelines** and **Accepting Offers** handouts on Career website

Résumé/Cover Letter

- Attend **Résumé/Cover Letter workshop**
- Meet with counselor during **CRR drop-in hours** to review your résumé/cover letter
- Attend **resume+** and have résumé reviewed by employer
- Make **appointment with faculty** to review your résumé and ask for possible job leads to contact

Interview

- Attend **Interview workshop**
- Schedule ½ hour appointment at Career Services for **Mock Interview** (NOTE: limit one per quarter)

Graduate/Professional School

- Review **Graduate Schools Options** handout
- Research graduate programs at **www.gradschool.com** or **www.petersons.com**
- Identify **application deadlines, prerequisites and graduate exam** (if applicable) for programs you are interested in applying to

Career Events

- Attend **Graduate & Professional School Day** during Fall
- Attend **Graduate School workshop** during academic year

Statement of Purpose (SOP)

- Attend **Writing a SOP workshop** through CLAS
- Review **rough draft of your SOP** with faculty
- Obtain critique of final draft of SOP by scheduling **one hour appointment** at Career Services (NOTE: limit one per quarter)

Job Search

- Connect with recruiters by participating in following career events:
 - ♦ Quarterly **Career Fairs**
 - ♦ **Industry Panels**
 - ♦ Employer **Info Sessions**
 - ♦ **On-Campus Interviews**
- Attend a **Job Search Strategies workshop**

Networking

- Attend **LinkedIn workshop**

Negotiation

- Review books in CRR such as *Negotiate Your Job Offer*

Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Letter of Recommendation

- Meet with a career counselor during ½ **hour appointment** to review your CV
- Identify recommenders and **request letters of recommendation**
- Prepare packets of information** (ex: application deadlines, CV and SOP) to give to your recommenders

Graduate Exams

- Attend strategy session** for GRE (if applicable)
- Investigate study preparation** courses for your graduate exam (if applicable)