WILDCAT WAY TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

BUILD AWARENESS

- Identify your interests, skills, and values
  Career and Professional Success staff can provide assessment tools to help with the exploration process.
- Learn about your field of interest/industry areas, job titles and growth projections
- Map your skills to industry needs
  Search job descriptions, indeed.com, LinkedIn, and company specific pages to learn what skills are in demand.
- Understand the career paths of fellow students and alumni
  Join Wildcat Connections, review alum LinkedIn profiles, UNH Today, and college websites for alumni stories.
- Understand salary ranges for your industry
  Search salary.com, Glassdoor, O*Net, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics to find ranges for roles in your industry.
- Create and update career documents
  Including resumes, cover letters, and other professional correspondence.
- Create and practice your professional pitch
  Take part in the Career Storytelling workshops with the College of Liberal Arts Cap team.
- Develop your LinkedIn profile
  Attend Career Express or CAP's Workshop Series to receive feedback and tips on optimizing your profile.
- Practice interviewing for your specific industry/field and professional goals
  Use Interview Stream website to record a practice interview, conduct a mock interview with a mentor or employer.
- Cultivate your professional image
  Dress for success, learn industry specific etiquettes, and review your digital presence (social media and web search results).

BUILD PROFESSIONAL IMAGE

- Engage in research and field experience
  Take the Jackson Career Explorer, Skill Scan, or Value Card Sort (available through Career and Professional Success).
- Publish your research and papers
  Submit your research to psychology specific journals.
- Present at professional conferences and competitions
  Take part in the Undergraduate or Grad Conference.
- Secure a Teaching Assistant, Lab Assistant, or tutoring position
  Take on a leadership or service position within your department to support your peers.
- Study away to build your national and global citizenship
  Find the right program for you with the National Student Exchange, Semester in the City, Education Abroad, etc.
- Consider submitting your research to appropriate engineering and science journals
  Take part in the Undergraduate or Grad Conference as well as any department poster sessions.

CO-CURRICULAR

- Learn about all of the resources available on campus
  Explore the A-Z Resource Guide on unh.edu to see all UNH has to offer.
- Volunteer to support your local or global community
  UNH Civic and Community Engagement.
- Join and participate in clubs and or student organizations
  Find through the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, academic organizations, and Campus Recreation.
- Pursue student leadership positions
  Apply to be a Resident Assistant, take a leadership position in an organization, run for student government.

PROFESSIONAL

- Shadow professionals and companies of interest
  Make connections or campus connections to build relationships and request shadowing experiences.
- Secure at least one internship
  Search through Wildcat Careers, established Psychology internship opportunities, or other connections to find options.
- Get a part-time job to build other transferrable skills
  Attend the Local and On-Campus Student Job Fair, inquire with campus departments or local businesses.
- Search through Wildcat Careers, Indeed.com, and pay attention to department and career weekly emails

BUILD EXPERIENCE

- Build professional and personal networks
  Connect with alumni, faculty, staff, employers, supervisors, parents, friends, and family members, etc. Create a profile on Wildcat Connections, and expand your LinkedIn connections.
- Attend employer events on campus or in the community
  Resume Review Days, Career and Internship Fairs, employer tabling, information sessions, employer and alumni panels.
- Conduct informational interviews
  Meet with a variety of professionals from desired industry organizations to hear their career stories and advice.
- Secure 3-5 professional references
  Contact with a combination of appropriate employers, faculty, staff, and/or supervisors.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
At the University of New Hampshire, students develop personal and professional skills by following the Wildcat Way to Professional Success. This model is designed to provide guidance and recommended action steps throughout the UNH experience, equipping students with the knowledge and tools to thrive in an ever-changing future.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Learning happens not only in the classroom and on campus, but also, and equally as important, through hands-on interactions and engagement with industry, national labs, NSF-REUs, and other organizations and partners. Experiential learning helps students to "connect the dots" and explore the link between academic interests and potential career paths. Students participate in experiential learning at a variety of sites, including:

- CMA Engineers
- GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
- NH DES
- Underwood Engineers
- Woodard & Curran, Inc.
- Wright-Pierce

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Graduates from the CEPS Class of 2017 enrolled in masters and doctoral programs at the following institutions:

- University of New Hampshire
- Clemson University
- Colorado State University
- Duke University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Stanford University
- Technical University of Munich
- Texas A&M
- Tufts University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Michigan

**POTENTIAL CAREERS**

**Environmental Engineering**

Employment of environmental engineers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. State and local governments’ concerns about water are leading to efforts to increase the efficiency of water use. Most of the projected employment growth for environmental engineers is in professional, scientific, and technical services, as governments at the state and local levels draw on the industry to help address water efficiency concerns.

The federal government’s requirements to clean up contaminated sites are expected to help sustain demand for these engineers’ services. In addition, wastewater treatment is becoming a larger concern in areas of the country where drilling for shale gas requires the use and disposal of massive volumes of water.

Environmental engineers should continue to be needed to help utility companies and water treatment plants comply with federal or state environmental regulations, such as regulations regarding emissions from coal-fired power plants. Potential careers include, but are not limited to:

- Environmental Engineer
- Project Manager
- Environmental Sales Engineer
- Water Resource Engineer
- Environmental Health and Safety Engineer
- Surface Water Data Technician