### 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, growth projections
  - Review O*NET, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Potential Careers for your Major, Vocation, and interests
- Map your skills to industry needs
  - Search job descriptions, indeed.com, LinkedIn, and industry-specific pages to learn what skills are in demand
- Understand the career paths of fellow students and alumni
  - Join Wildcat Connections, review alumni 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 your professional profile
  - Including resumes, cover letters, and other professional correspondence
- Create and practice your professional pitch
  - Join the Career Exploring Workshops, and the College of Liberal Arts/CMP team
- Develop your LinkedIn profile
  - Attend Career Express or CMP Workshop Series to receive feedback and tips on optimizing your profile
- Practice interviewing for your specific industry/field and professional goals
  - Use InterviewStream website to record a practice interview, conduct a mock interview with a mentor/employer
- Cultivate your professional image
  - Dress for success, learn industry-specific etiquette, 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, Skills Scan, or Value Card Sort (available through Careers and Professional Success)
- Publish your research and papers
  - Submit your research to industry-specific journals
- Present at professional conferences and competitions
  - Take part in the Undergraduate or Graduate Research 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 National Student Exchange, Disney in the City, Education Abroad, etc.
- Consider submitting your research to appropriate engineering and science journals
  - Take part in the Undergraduate or Graduate Research Conference as well as any department poster sessions

**Build Experience**
- 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
  - Fund 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, or run for student government

**Professional**
- Shadow professionals and companies of interest
  - Visit Wildcat Careers or campus connections to build relationships and request job shadowing experiences
- Secure at least one internship
  - Search through Wildcat Careers, established Psychology internship opportunities, or other connections to find opportunities
- 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 Relationships**
- Build professional and personal networks
  - Connect with alumni, faculty, staff, employers, supervisors, parents, friends, family, or parents, etc. Create a profile on Wildcat Connections, join national associations, and expand your LinkedIn connections
- Attend employer events on campus and 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 learn about career stories and advice
- Secure 3-5 professional references
  - Contact with a combination of appropriate employers, faculty, staff, and/or supervisors

### First Year
- Begin your program sequence with Introduction to Computing and your other required 400-level CS & IT courses.
- Begin your math courses.
- Begin Discovery Program electives, including First Year Writing.

### Second Year
- Continue your program sequence with your 500 level IT courses.
- Continue your math courses if needed.
- Complete your Discovery program electives.
- Begin your lab science sequence.
- Complete Professional and Technical Writing.

### Third Year
- Continue your program sequence with 500 & 600-level IT & CS courses.
- Select second discipline electives and program electives with the support of your program advisor.
- Continue your Discovery program electives.
- Complete your IT internship.
- Continue your math courses if needed.

### Fourth Year
- Complete your program sequence 700-level IT courses as well as Senior Project.
- Complete second discipline, meeting with your program advisor to assist with selections.
- Complete Discovery program electives if needed.

**Fast Track Your Professional Skills by Presenting Your Research, Projects, and Capstone/Thesis Experiences at the Undergraduate Research Conference - Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Symposium**
WILDCAT WAY TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

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:

- Black Duck Software
- Capital Investigating
- Fidelity Investments
- Liberty Mutual
- Profit Tools Inc.
- SilverCloud, Inc.

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

IT

Employment of network and computer systems administrators is projected to grow 6 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Demand for information technology (IT) workers is high and should continue to grow as firms invest in newer, faster technology and mobile networks. Growth also is expected as the use of IT in healthcare increases. However, an increase in cloud computing could raise the productivity of network administrators, slowing their growth across many industries.

Employment of network administrators in the computer systems design and related services industry is projected to grow 20 percent from 2016 to 2026. The increasing adoption of cloud services by small and medium-sized businesses that do not have their own dedicated IT departments could increase the demand for network and computer systems administrators within this industry. Potential careers include, but are not limited to:

- Network Specialist, Network Administrator
- Computer Network Architect
- Information Technology Specialist
- Computer Support Specialist
- Database Administrator, Data Center Support Specialist, Data Quality Manager
- Information Security Analyst
- Systems Administrator
- Project Manager

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