

Professional Development Timeline

Month 1

- Talk to your mentor about your interests and possible majors and minors.
- Review your résumé with your mentor, update your résumé, and submit it to [Nittany Lion Careers](#).
- Think about study abroad and/or internship options.
- Talk to your mentor about the [Paterno Fellows Program](#).
- Explore new clubs and organizations on campus; seek out leadership roles if you are interested!
- Review internship/full-time position postings on [Nittany Lion Careers](#) and discuss them with your mentor.

Month 2

- Make a [LinkedIn](#) account to expand your network and make connections; talk to your mentor about ways to enhance your LinkedIn account.
- Meet with Career Enrichment Network staff member to discuss your top internship and/or study abroad options.
- Not studying abroad? Talk with your mentor about other ways to get a global experience.
- Attend career fairs, information sessions, and other workshops.
- Talk to your mentor about perfecting your “elevator pitch” at career fairs and networking events.
- Consider getting [academic credit](#) for your internship experience.
- Talk to your mentor about the do’s and don’ts of networking.
- Apply for [Enrichment Funding](#) for your experience.

Month 3

- Update résumé.
- Meet with a Career Enrichment Network staff member to learn about résumés and cover letters and plans for the future, internships, and study abroad options.
- Search for positions on [Nittany Lion Careers](#); talk with your mentor about your top choices.
- Review your experiences with your mentor and assess your progress and discuss ways to improve.
- Brush up on [interview skills](#).
- Have a mock interview and feedback session with your mentor.
- Take the [StrengthsFinder® assessment](#) to learn more about your skills and strengths.
- [Interested in graduate school? Talk to your mentor about your options.](#)

Month 4

- Search for full-time jobs on the [Nittany Lion Careers](#).
- [Shadow your mentor at work for a day.](#)
- Meet with Career Enrichment Network staff member to discuss your options for post-graduation opportunities.
- Review your experiences with your mentor and assess your progress and discuss ways to improve.
- Discuss any job or interview offers with your mentor.
- Talk about post-graduation life with your mentor.

Month 5

- Talk to your mentor about developing your own work/life balance.
- Interested in becoming a mentor? Contact Lauren Granese (leg5147@psu.edu).
- Fill out your Senior Survey before you graduate.
- Apply for enrichment funding for your experience!
- Discuss any job or interview offers with your mentor.
- Not doing an internship? Consider [undergraduate research](#).