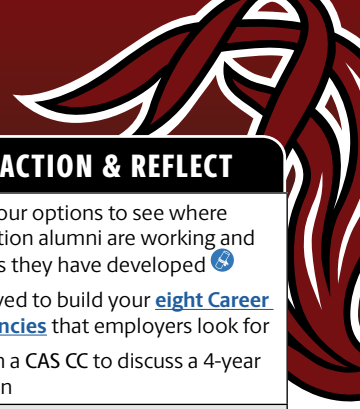


# 4-YEAR STUDENT CAREER PLAN

B.F.A. Art Education



<b>1ST YEAR: BUILD FOUNDATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visit <a href="#">Garnet Gate</a> &amp; the August Student Org Fair to explore and join clubs or orgs for your major</li> <li>○ Check your <a href="#">major map</a> &amp; verify all first year academic grade requirements</li> <li>○ Examine <a href="#">success/support</a> options, including the <a href="#">Office of Student Advocacy</a></li> </ul>
<b>2ND YEAR: EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Look for new experiences, part-time jobs, student organizations and <a href="#">leadership roles</a> to gain experience</li> <li>○ Consider <a href="#">undergraduate research</a> and the <a href="#">Design Studio</a> opportunities and check out <a href="#">Media Services</a> resources</li> <li>○ Review the <a href="#">Accelerated Master's Track in Art Education</a> and the <a href="#">Art Education overview</a></li> </ul>
<b>3RD YEAR: FIND FOCUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assess previous involvement &amp; participate in leadership roles</li> <li>○ Join a new major-related club/ organization to network &amp; enhance skills</li> </ul>
<b>4TH YEAR: PREPARE FOR LAUNCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reach out to professors, supervisors &amp; key connections to write recommendations &amp; serve as references</li> <li>○ Join professional groups and set job alerts for your search</li> <li>○ Use any relevant resources to network and reach out to contacts</li> </ul>

<b>EXPLORE OPTIONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explore art education employers online </li> <li>○ Meet with CAS CC to discuss your personal brand, specific interests &amp; next steps</li> <li>○ Attend the <a href="#">Part-Time Job Fair</a> and <a href="#">All Majors Career and Internship Fair</a> in the fall/spring</li> <li>○ Join <a href="#">MentorshipHub</a> and <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> to connect with USC Alumni</li> <li>○ Meet with a <a href="#">Career Studio Peer Educator</a> to review your resume</li> <li>○ Explore the <a href="#">Career Center Toolbox</a> for additional career readiness resources</li> <li>○ Investigate <a href="#">Graduation with Leadership Distinction</a></li> <li>○ Explore trainings or <a href="#">interdisciplinary certifications</a> to enhance skills and knowledge</li> <li>○ Attend panels, workshops, onsite visits (CAS tabling), immersion experiences and informational interviews to gain confidence &amp; grow connections</li> <li>○ Explore <a href="#">study abroad</a> programs for a global experience to study art &amp; design</li> <li>○ Research online to know more about the companies and positions you are interested in, and explore career paths, job titles and salaries </li> <li>○ Research graduate school versus full-time job</li> <li>○ Verify graduation requirements and complete <a href="#">Graduation with Leadership Distinction</a></li> </ul>

<b>ENGAGE &amp; EXPERIENCE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify your career goals and take <a href="#">career &amp; personality assessments</a> to understand your skills, interests, values and strengths</li> <li>○ Explore <a href="#">My SVAD</a> for resources, student organizations, internships and community opportunities</li> <li>○ Read up on <a href="#">SVAD news</a> to stay current</li> <li>○ Explore <a href="#">Beyond the Classroom</a> opportunities</li> <li>○ Secure a summer internship/co-op, <a href="#">micro-internship</a>, <a href="#">job shadowing</a> or <a href="#">faculty research</a> experience</li> <li>○ Reflect on your experiences and skills and update your resume</li> <li>○ Review what skills need more development</li> <li>○ Review past career assessments to see your top work values</li> <li>○ Keep in touch with professors and past employers for networking and assistance</li> <li>○ Review and update professional documents and online profiles</li> <li>○ Review your top skills &amp; experiences from the last four years that are most relevant to a professional career</li> </ul>

<b>TAKE ACTION &amp; REFLECT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explore your options to see where art education alumni are working and what skills they have developed </li> <li>○ Get involved to build your <a href="#">eight Career Competencies</a> that employers look for</li> <li>○ Meet with a CAS CC to discuss a 4-year career plan</li> <li>○ Start looking for a summer internship/co-op in the fall or consider <a href="#">Study Abroad</a> or <a href="#">Research Experience for Undergraduates</a></li> <li>○ Explore companies and organizations that typically hire USC interns </li> <li>○ Start thinking about after graduation plans &amp; desired career path and work with a CAS CC to make a game plan</li> <li>○ Use online resources and the Career Center to connect with alumni and employers </li> <li>○ Maintain relationships with <a href="#">SVAD faculty</a></li> <li>○ Meet with a CAS CC or PPA to create a plan for your job search or grad school applications</li> <li>○ Engage in interview preparation &amp; practice — create a document with your most relevant experiences and apply the STAR method </li> <li>○ Complete the graduation survey to share your post-grad plans</li> </ul>

## GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA

Average Annual Salary of USC B.F.A. Art Education Graduates\*

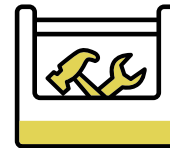
**\$52,375**

\* 5-10 years after graduation



### Skills Employers Look for *(in no particular order)*

- Adobe Photoshop
- Customer Service
- Drawing
- Leadership
- Photography
- Public Speaking
- Teaching



<b>Legend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC Career Coach</li> <li>PPA Pre-Professional Advisor</li> <li> <a href="#">Handshake</a></li> <li> <a href="#">Big Interview</a></li> <li> <a href="#">Gamecock GradStats</a></li> </ul>
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# DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT TASKS!

- Build & update your [Handshake](#) profile.
- Create & update [professional documents](#) (resume, CV, references, etc.).
- [Schedule an appointment](#) with Career Coaches and/or Pre-Professional & Graduate School Advising staff.

## »» [DISCOVER EMPLOYERS HIRING YOUR MAJOR](#)

# CAREER CENTER TOOLS

Follow the links provided to explore all of the tools that the Career Center has to offer.

## [BIG INTERVIEW](#) »»

Big Interview is the Career Center's online practice interview resource that allows students & alumni to conduct a mock interview on their own time, accessing thousands of questions that are broken out into general, behavioral & technical questions.

## [CANDID CAREER](#) »»

Candid Career is the premier provider of thousands of informational video interviews featuring industry professionals. Students & alumni can get the inside scoop on careers, as well as advice that will provide an edge in the job search.

## [CAREERSHIFT](#) »»

CareerShift is an online tool that allows students to search, select and store job listings from all job boards and all company job postings. Students & alumni can also find up-to-date contact information for millions of companies.

## [GAMECOCK GRADSTATS](#) »»

Explore the possibilities! Search & view USC students' post graduation career paths: where they work, skills they use, & how much they earn.

## [HANDSHAKE](#) »»

Handshake is the Career Center's online resource for jobs, internships, events and employer connections. Handshake is also where students can find resources and make appointments with a career coach.

## [INTERSTRIDE](#) »»

Interstride is a one-stop-shop that empowers students to thrive internationally.

## [MENTORSHIP HUB](#) »»

Mentorship Hub is an online platform that connects the USC community. The platform provides career support, career resources, and an opportunity to mentor or seek mentorship.

## Other Campus Resource Links:

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning](#)
- [Leadership and Service Center](#)
- [Office of Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Undergraduate Research](#)

*The Career Center realizes that every student has a unique journey during their time here at the University of South Carolina. All students move at different paces along different paths. We acknowledge your individual needs and will meet you at whatever stage you are in. This document is meant to serve as a milestones guide to help you plan your future and your goals.*