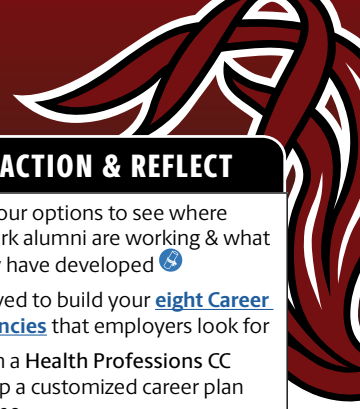


# 4-YEAR STUDENT CAREER PLAN

B.S.W. Social Work

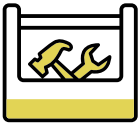


	KNOW YOURSELF
<b>1ST YEAR: BUILD FOUNDATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify your career goals and take <a href="#">career &amp; personality assessments</a> to understand your skills, interests, values and strengths</li> <li>Learn more about your <a href="#">area of study</a> and the <a href="#">BSW degree</a></li> <li>Examine <a href="#">success/support</a> options like the <a href="#">Office of Student Advocacy</a></li> </ul>
<b>2ND YEAR: EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider new experiences, <a href="#">part-time on-campus jobs</a>, <a href="#">undergraduate research</a>, and <a href="#">leadership roles</a> to gain experience &amp; new skills</li> <li>Check in with your CC and update documents</li> </ul>
<b>3RD YEAR: FIND FOCUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check in with your CC and update documents for field education</li> <li>Assess previous involvement &amp; participate in leadership roles</li> <li>Join a new major-related club or 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, and key connections to write recommendation letters or to serve as references</li> <li>Join professional groups and set job alerts for your search</li> <li>Utilize any relevant resources to network &amp; reach out to contacts</li> </ul>

EXPLORE OPTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the <a href="#">undergraduate program</a> to understand your goals of industry vs. medical/grad school</li> <li>Explore <a href="#">Education Abroad</a> for future opportunities</li> <li>Explore <a href="#">What Can I Do With This Major</a> and <a href="#">O*Net</a> for Social Work career options</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join <a href="#">MentorshipHub</a> and <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> to connect with <a href="#">USC Alumni</a></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> for senior year</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the Field Placement Process</li> <li>Attend professional development events such as panels, workshops, <a href="#">job shadowing on-site</a>, and <a href="#">informational interviews</a> to gain confidence &amp; grow connections</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Confirm your path and track your search to keep you organized</li> <li>Verify graduation requirements and complete <a href="#">Graduation with Leadership Distinction</a></li> </ul>

ENGAGE & EXPERIENCE
<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>Learn about the <a href="#">Leadership and Service Center</a>, <a href="#">Graduation with Leadership Distinction in Community Service</a>, <a href="#">Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning</a>, and <a href="#">Sustainability</a> for options of engaging as you <a href="#">create your plan</a></li> <li>Discuss shadowing opportunities with your <a href="#">Health Professions CC</a></li> <li>Attend the <a href="#">Part-Time Job Fair &amp; Health Professions Fair</a> in the fall/spring</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate <a href="#">Social Work research</a></li> <li>Shadow for career options and clinical hours</li> <li>Follow trends for current opportunities in the major</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out Career Center and Pre-Professional &amp; Graduate School Advising events 🤝</li> <li>Review past career assessments to see your top work values and skills sets</li> <li>Keep up with related professors or past employers for networking and assistance</li> <li>Attend the <a href="#">Health Professions Fair</a> in the fall/spring</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review &amp; update your 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> <li>Practice verbal and physical skill sets during field education</li> </ul>

TAKE ACTION & REFLECT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore your options to see where Social Work alumni are working &amp; 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 Health Professions CC to develop a customized career plan and resume</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search and apply for a summer internship early 😊</li> <li>Explore companies that typically hire USC interns and local Social Work employers 🤝🔗</li> <li>Prepare for Upper Division and polish your resume for field experience</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit <a href="#">Pre-Professional &amp; Graduate School Advising</a> to update clinical hours, schedule testing, prepare to apply to professional school, research graduate schools/advanced standing to apply</li> <li>Use online resources and the Career Center to connect with alumni and employers</li> <li>Maintain relationships with <a href="#">COSW faculty</a></li> <li>Engage in interview preparation &amp; practice 🗣️</li> <li>Have the Career Center review your resume for Upper Division</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in interview preparation &amp; practice — create a document with your most relevant experiences and apply the STAR method 🗣️</li> <li>Complete the graduate/professional school process</li> <li>Complete the graduation survey to share your post-grad plans</li> </ul>



## GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA

Curious about what you could make with a Social Work B.S.W.? Check out [Gamecock GradStats](#) for real-time salary information of USC graduates who majored in Social Work.



Skills Employers Look for <small>(in no particular order)</small>	
Customer Service	Public Speaking
Event Management	Research
Fundraising	Sales
Leadership	Social Media
Management	Social Networking Service
Microsoft Excel	Teamwork
Nonprofit Organization	Training Management
Outreach	

Legend	
CC Career Coach	🤝 <a href="#">Handshake</a>
PPA Pre-Professional Advisor	🗣️ <a href="#">Big Interview</a>
	🔗 <a href="#">Gamecock GradStats</a>

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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.*