How To Make it Happen
What you need to know + do along the way.

By the end of your FIRST or SECOND year:

- Log-in to UMBCworks to update your profile; upload your resume; search for jobs, research internship/co-op, and service learning opportunities.
- Obtain a part-time job related to your interests; check UMBCworks for listings.
- Attend Campus Jobs Fair and/or Summer and Part-Time Job/Internship Fair.
- Connect with The Shriver Center coordinator for your major for relevant service learning, research, internship and co-op opportunities.
- Apply for the France-Merrick Service-Learning Scholarship. If interested in studying abroad – meet with study abroad advisor and academic advisor to develop a strategic plan.
- Join and contribute to an on- or off-campus club/organization.
- Complete UMBC placement exams; ensure AP exam results have been received by UMBC; ensure that all final, official transcripts from prior institutions have been received.
- Check transfer report carefully to ensure that all your credit has transferred accurately. If you have questions or concerns – follow up with an advisor ASAP.
- Respond immediately to First Year Intervention (FYI) alerts which are sent out to students not performing satisfactorily. Strategy meetings with professors and advisors are highly recommended.
- Visit the Study Abroad Office to explore international opportunities.
- Meet with a Career Counselor in Career Services for help with identifying strengths and interests in order to explore career options and what you can do with your major.

By the end of your JUNIOR or SENIOR year:

- Meet with Career Services to develop a strategic job search plan before you graduate.
- Participate in the Kauffman Entrepreneurship Program and get paid to intern with a start-up company located in the UMBC Tech Center.
- Apply to honor’s internship programs like the Governor’s Summer Internship Program, and the Nonprofit Leadership Program.
- Attend the Maryland Career Consortium Graduate School Seminar.
- Check with Career Services to:
  - Schedule a mock interview to hone your interview techniques.
  - Participate in on-campus interviews with employers.
  - Attend networking events (Corporate visibility Days and information sessions).
  - Officially apply for graduation and ensure all UMBC obligations are satisfied.
- Complete the Graduating Student Report (survey of your post-graduate career plans) administered by Career Services.
Throughout your college career:

- Access Resources on CSC's Website: http://www.careers.umbc.edu

- Utilize your UMBCworks account: post your resume/search for jobs (login from the Career Services Center's website, The Shriver Center's website or Topics > Jobs and Internships section in myUMBC)

- Connect with a mentor in ProNet (UMBC's online professional network of alumni and employers) part of UMBCworks.

- Use FOCUS2 (an online career and education planning system) and Career Insider (online career library, videos, company reviews and more - powered by Vault) available on CSC's website

- Use the Career Path website to explore majors and your potential career path (http://www.umbc.edu/careerpath/)

How to find us:

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Career Services Center
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