

The Career Planning & Development Center (CPDC) is available to assist international students with exploring and defining their personal career goals while developing the skills and confidence necessary to succeed.

CPDC advisors assist with identifying sources of experience while studying in the United States, preparing a U.S. style resume, internship and job search strategies, and practice interviewing.

## CAREER ACTION COMBINATIONS

Your career development is personal. The actions you should take each semester are determined by your background and goals. Identify which combination of steps is appropriate for you.

The options below are combinations of career-related actions that enhance knowledge, skills, and confidence. Use these as a starting point. You may choose to customize your actions and/or take additional steps aligned with your career and academic goals. Meet with a career advisor for support and guidance.

### Career Combination 1: New to Webster

Appropriate for students who are new to Webster University.

- Get involved in an on-campus club related to your interests or area of study; attend the Student Involvement Fair and workshop on Gaining Experience in the U.S.
- Create or update your U.S. Style Resume
- Learn about legal options for employment in the U.S. by visit the International Recruitment and International Services website and/or attending a Curricular Practical Training (CPT) workshop (for F-1 visa holders)
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss how your area of study connects to careers

### Career Combination 2: The Career Explorer

Appropriate for students who are exploring and defining career goal(s) and planning to begin an internship or job search within the next six months.

- Get involved in an on-campus club related to your interests or area of study
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your personal career goal(s)
- Update your U.S. Style Resume to include all current experiences
- Create a list of employers of interest and learn how to identify open internships/jobs
- Learn about your legal options for employment in the U.S. by attending a Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and/or Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshop (for F-1 visa holders)

### Career Combination 3: Seeking Experience

Appropriate for students with a current resume, defined career goal(s), and actively applying to openings.

- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your internship or job search plan
- Learn about your legal options for employment in the U.S. by attending a Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and/or Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshop (for F-1 visa holders)
- Submit internship/job applications using customized application materials
- Develop interviewing skills through a workshop or in-person advising appointment