

4 Years to Career Success Nursing

First Year

- Pass all classes with C or better per progression policy and State Board of Nursing requirement in all required and selective courses.
- Create resume using Center for Career Opportunities resources like the [CCO Handbook and VMock resume tool](#). Then ask for personalized feedback.
- Attend [Purdue School of Nursing career fair](#) to start to get used to talking to a recruiter.
- Join a [related student organization](#).
- Job shadow to explore nursing careers options, if haven't previously.
- Meet with the [Academic Success Center](#) to focus on developing good college study habits and time management skills. Tips include studying smarter with resources like workshops, supplemental instruction study sessions, and peer coaching.
- Find out your Top 5 myStrengths results by attending a [Strengths 101 workshop](#). Identify your top strengths and how you can use them in your college and career success planning.

Second Year

- Pass all classes with C or better per progression policy and State Board of Nursing requirement in all required and selective courses.
- Create [your LinkedIn profile](#) to build a professional social media presence. Connect with professors, advisor, mentor, fellow students, groups, and professionals in the field to build relationships.
- Be mindful of your entire social media presence as a young college professional seeking to enter the field. Use [Diligence Lab](#) to assess your current social media presence.
- Update resume using the [CCO Handbook and Vmock](#). Then ask for personalized feedback through a drop-in service or virtual assistance.
- Learn how to practice using your strengths in a team setting by attending a [Strengths 201 workshop](#).
- Attend [Purdue School of Nursing career fair](#) to ask about summer internships and practice speaking with recruiters.
- Hold a leadership position in a student organization or actively engage in a committee.
- Find a mentor in nursing or a related career field.
- Establish relationship with professors and clinical instructors by actively engaging in classroom activities and in clinicals for professional references.
- Begin clinical courses (2 semesters).
- Seek out a CNA or PCA job for summer between sophomore and junior year.

Third Year

- Pass all classes with C or better per progression policy and State Board of Nursing requirement in all required and selective courses.
- Update resume using the [CCO Handbook and VMock resume tool](#). Then ask for personalized feedback through a drop-in service or virtual assistance.
- Explore what your strengths mean by attending a [Strengths 301 workshop](#) and learn how to use in your career plans.
- Discuss career plans and options with advisor, faculty, clinical instructors, or mentor.
- Attend [Purdue School of Nursing career fair](#) Apply to nursing externships or find a PCA job in summer between Junior & semester year.
- Establish relationship with professors and clinical instructors by actively engaging in classroom activities and in clinicals for professional references.
- Talk to faculty/mentor/advisor regarding graduate school opportunities.
- Explore graduate school programs and admissions requirements by attending the [Spring Health Programs Expo](#).
- Continue Clinical courses (2 semesters).

Fourth Year

- Pass all classes with C or better per progression policy and State Board of Nursing requirement in all required and selective courses.
- Update resume using the [CCO Handbook and VMock resume tool](#). Then ask for personalized feedback through a drop-in service or virtual assistance.
 - Upload your resume into [myCCO](#)
 - Set up [myCCO](#) job search alerts based on career interest and location
- Attend [Purdue School of Nursing career fair](#) to search for full time jobs.
- Mentor underclass nursing mentee.
- Continue Clinical Course work.
- Become clinical leader for other students as part of NUR 42001 course.
- Establish relationship with professors and clinical instructors by actively engaging in classroom activities and in clinicals for professional references.
- Update your LinkedIn profile and continue to build connections based on career interest and top wish-list of employers.
- Practice enhancing your skills to talk about your experiences and strengths using [Big Interview](#), a virtual interviewing platform, for job or graduate school interviews. Then schedule a [Peer Mock Interview](#)
- Attend the [Spring Health Programs Expo](#) if interested in graduate school programs.
- Apply to graduate school early in spring semester, if interested.

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- Write and revise your personal statement using your Strengths, seeking feedback from the CCO, [Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#), for grammar, a faculty member or your mentor for content.
- Submit State Board paperwork with School of Nursing Student Services.
- Take and pass NCLEX after graduation.
- Complete [CCO First Destination Exit Survey](#) to tell us your post-graduation plans.