

CAREER READINESS

Get career-ready at APSU! Career readiness is developing the essential skills and experiences employers value for a successful transition into the workplace.

At APSU, it's the bridge from college life to career success — equipping Gavs with the confidence, real-world experience, connections, and momentum to thrive in their career journeys.

Learn about the career readiness competencies and strategies to develop them.



CAREER & SELF-DEVELOPMENT

Proactively develop oneself and one's career through continual personal and professional learning, awareness of one's strengths and weaknesses, navigation of career opportunities, and networking to build relationships inside and outside one's organization.

- Meet with a career success coach to discuss career goals.
- Create and build your professional documents (resume, cover letter, CV, personal statement, LinkedIn profile, portfolio).
- Network at career fairs, campus workshops and student organization events.

COMMUNICATION

Clearly and effectively exchange information, ideas, facts, and perspectives with people inside and outside of an organization.

- Deliver presentations in and out of the classroom.
- Create an elevator pitch ("Tell me about yourself").
- Schedule a practice interview and LinkedIn review.

CRITICAL THINKING

Identify and respond to needs based upon an understanding of situational context and logical analysis of relevant information.

- Participate, actively listen, and ask questions in the classroom.
- Engage in projects that require summarizing and interpreting data.
- Seek opportunities that involve decision-making and problem-solving.

RESOURCES



LEADERSHIP

Recognize and capitalize on personal and team strengths to achieve organizational goals.

- Join or serve in a student organization.
- Initiate and manage a project or event.
- Serve as a role model to others by volunteering.

PROFESSIONALISM

Know that work environments differ greatly, understand and demonstrate effective work habits, and act in the interest of the larger community and workplace.

- Maintain a positive and professional personal brand.
- Show dependability by following through on commitments.
- Demonstrate attention to detail and preparation.

TEAMWORK

Build and maintain collaborative relationships to work effectively toward common goals, while appreciating diverse viewpoints and shared responsibilities.

- Gain experience through jobs, internships, student employment, and research.
- Build positive relationships with faculty, supervisors and peers.
- Seek understanding and exercise compromise.

TECHNOLOGY

Understand and leverage technologies ethically to enhance efficiencies, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.

- Familiarize yourself with Handshake, Wisedoc, and other online career tools.
- Be open to learning and quickly adapt to new or unfamiliar technologies.
- Utilize campus access to technology, programs and software.

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