CS 4 YEAR CAREER SUCCESS PLAN

1st Year

- Get acclimated to UNC. Familiarize yourself with campus, academic advising and the CS dept.
- Focus on doing well in class and get to know your CS professors by attending office hours/staying after class.
- Create a Careerolina account (UNC’s on-line jobs database) and get to know the system.
- Meet with your CS Career Counselor to discuss your interests and career goals.
- Read the Carolina to Careers weekly email to stay informed about CS career related events and opportunities.
- Attend a CS Resume Lab to create/update your resume.
- Attend Career Bytes workshops to learn about resume, cover letter, job/internship search, using Linkedin, etc.
- View the CS Career Connections Calendar and plan to attend as many company sessions as possible. This helps you to learn more about various industries, companies, and technologies all while making important connections with employers.
- Become involved with campus organizations and departmental events such as HackNC and Maze Day.

During the Summer:

- Explore possible careers and build your network by conducting informational interviews or shadowing. Locate interesting professionals using Linkedin.
- Gain hands-on experience through part-time work, internship, volunteer or personal projects that use your technical skills.
- Update your Careerolina account.
- Consider attending a CS Resume Lab for help updating your resume; upload it to Careerolina.
- View the CS Career Connections Calendar and plan to attend as many company sessions as possible to learn about various companies and their internship opportunities.
- Continue attending Career Bytes and UCS workshops to learn more about preparing for internship search.
- Read the Carolina to Careers weekly email to stay informed about CS career related events and opportunities.
- Create and/or update your GitHub account/online portfolio to showcase your code to potential employers.
- Build your experience by getting involved with CS related and other clubs on campus; Be open to seeking leadership opportunities.
- Attend the Fall CSIT Career Fair, the UCS Fall and Spring Job/Internship Expos, the Fall CS Symposium, and the Spring LinCS Networking Night.
- Practice technical interviewing with CS classmates or during CS Mock Interviews. Use the books Cracking the Coding Interview and Programming Interviews Exposed to help prepare.
- Participate in hand-on departmental activities such as Hack NC, Pearl Hacks, Maze Day, and various programming competitions.
- If you are interested in research, begin talking with professors about your interests.

Sophomore Year

- Update your Careerolina account.
- Consider attending a CS Resume Lab for help updating your resume; upload it to Careerolina.
- View the CS Career Connections Calendar and plan to attend as many company sessions as possible to learn about various companies and their internship opportunities.
- Continue attending Career Bytes and UCS workshops to learn more about preparing for internship search.
- Read the Carolina to Careers weekly email to stay informed about CS career related events and opportunities.
- Create and/or update your GitHub account/online portfolio to showcase your code to potential employers.
- Build your experience by getting involved with CS related and other clubs on campus; Be open to seeking leadership opportunities.
- Attend the Fall CSIT Career Fair, the UCS Fall and Spring Job/Internship Expos, the Fall CS Symposium, and the Spring LinCS Networking Night.
- Practice technical interviewing with CS classmates or during CS Mock Interviews. Use the books Cracking the Coding Interview and Programming Interviews Exposed to help prepare.
- Participate in hand-on departmental activities such as Hack NC, Pearl Hacks, Maze Day, and various programming competitions.
- If you are interested in research, begin talking with professors about your interests.

During the Summer:

- Continue to obtain professional experience through p/t jobs, internships, research, personal projects and volunteer opportunities that allow you to practice and stretch your technical skills.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in different fields to learn about career options and expand your network.
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Junior Year

☐ Update your Careerolina account; update/upload new resume; consider attending a CS Resume Lab for help.
☐ If you are interested in research, speak with professors about your interests.
☐ Discuss job/internship search strategies with a career counselor or attend a job/internship search workshop.
☐ Continue attending Career Bytes/UCS workshops to learn more about preparing for an internship search.
☐ Create and/or update your GitHub account/online portfolio to showcase your code to potential employers.
☐ View the CS Career Connections Calendar; plan to attend as many company sessions as possible to learn about various internships.
☐ Read the Carolina to Careers weekly email to stay informed about CS career related events and opportunities.
☐ Practice technical interviewing with CS classmates or during CS Mock Interviews. Use the books Cracking the Coding Interview and Programming Interviews Exposed to help prepare.
☐ Attend the Fall CSIT Career Fair, the UCS Fall and Spring Job/Internship Expos, the Fall CS Symposium, and the Spring LInCS Networking Night.
☐ Build your experience by continuing to be involved with CS related and/or other clubs on campus. Be open to seeking leadership opportunities.
☐ Continue to participate in hand-on departmental activities such as Hack NC, Pearl Hacks, and Maze Day.
☐ Begin thinking about who you will ask to serve as references (usually need three) or to write letters of recommendation.
☐ If considering graduate school, begin exploring programs, application deadlines, and requirements.

During the Summer:

☐ Complete a career-related internship. Many summer internships often lead to full-time job offers.
☐ Make connections with professionals in various departments and levels at your place of summer employment, as the people can all be part of your network.
☐ Make connections with UNC alumni who are working in interesting industries in the city of your internship. Use LinkedIn to help you locate potential connections.

Senior Year

☐ Update your Careerolina account; update/upload new resume; consider attending a CS Resume Lab for help.
☐ Evaluate summer experience and future plans; Meet with your career counselor if needed.
☐ Monitor application and on-campus interview deadlines of positions posted in Careerolina. Apply to as many positions that interest you, both within and outside Careerolina.
☐ View the CS Career Connections calendar and plan to attend as many company sessions as possible to learn about various career opportunities.
☐ Read the Carolina to Careers weekly email to stay informed about CS career related events and opportunities.
☐ Continue updating your GitHub account or online portfolio to showcase your code to potential employers.
☐ Attend the Fall CSIT Career Fair, the UCS Fall and Spring Job/Internship Expos, the Fall CS Symposium, and the Spring LInCS Networking Night.
☐ Continue to participate in hand-on departmental activities such as Hack NC, Pearl Hacks, and Maze Day.
☐ Practice technical interviewing with CS classmates. Consider volunteering to help less experienced students.
☐ Schedule the GRE and other admissions exams if you plan to attend grad school.
☐ Once you accept a job, fill out the First Destination Survey.