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.