Forestry and Natural Resources

FOUR YEAR CAREER PLAN

1 DISCOVER

During Freshman Year:

☐ Take the StrengthsFinder to identify interests, abilities, and values.
☐ Explore majors, minors and careers related to interests, values, and skills.
☐ Read through the FNR Career Services website, including the job board.
☐ Every week read Pines & Needles, the FNR careers newsletter.
☐ Start developing your résumé.
☐ Explore the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) website to find out what services they provide.
☐ Create a myCCO account (https://www.cco.purdue.edu/#myCCO).
☐ Get involved in student organizations – one related to major and one outside of major.
☐ Attend the College of Ag and FNR Career Fairs to practice networking and researching opportunities to build experience.
☐ Register for ‘Career Planning in Natural Resources’ for your sophomore year.

2 EXPLORE

During Sophomore Year:

☐ Develop a career plan and goals to achieve.
☐ If haven’t done so, register for ‘Career Planning in Natural Resources’ to take your junior year.
☐ Complete a task in myCareerPlan.
☐ Update resume and have it reviewed by FNR Career Services or CCO.
☐ Take an active role in student organizations at the department, college and university levels.
☐ Attend workshops on résumé writing and interviewing skills while continuing to develop your résumé.
☐ Develop a basic cover letter to use and customize for specific postings.
☐ Start build online brand by creating a digital portfolio and ensure social media accounts are professional.
☐ Review job postings and read the weekly Pines and Needles newsletter to become familiar with potential opportunities available in your field.
☐ Attend Career Fairs, especially the College of Ag Fair and the FNR Career Fairs.
☐ Research and apply for a summer work experience related to your major area to help build job skills.
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## Connect

**During Junior Year:**

- Review career plan and goals, and adjust as necessary.
- If haven’t done so, register for ‘Career Planning in Natural Resources’ to take your senior year.
- Complete a task in myCareerPlan.
- Update resume and digital portfolio, and have them reviewed.
- Stay active in student organizations and seek leadership positions.
- Attend Career Fairs, especially the College of Ag Fair and the FNR Career Fair.
- Explore career and graduate opportunities by looking into undergraduate research projects to enhance experience and assist with graduate school applications.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals from my field of interest.
- Research and apply for a summer work experience related to your major.
- Network!
- Develop a list of references - ask faculty, staff, and employers.

## Achieve

**During Senior Year:**

- Review career plan and goals, and adjust as necessary.
- Complete a task in myCareerPlan.
- Finalize your résumé and digital portfolio, and have them reviewed.
- Begin a comprehensive job search and/or applying for graduate school.
- Attend Career Fairs, especially the College of Ag Fair and the FNR Career Fair.
- Participate in a Mock Interview through the CCO.
- Continue networking!
- Apply for membership and certifications in the national organization associated with the student chapter.
- Complete the FNR Placement Survey when received.
- Plan ways to stay connected to Purdue, the College, and the Department.
- Walk across the stage and receive degree!

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Schedule an appointment with FNR Career Services through BoilerConnect to discuss personalizing your career plan.

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