# Career Services: Two-Year Checklist

# **First Year:**

## **Fall Semester**

- □ Visit the Career Services Office after taking career assessments found on our website (Focus II) to explore your career interest.
- □ Meet with your academic advisor to set up your academic 2-year plan.
- □ Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- □ Seek job opportunity, internship, or volunteer work in your field.
- Build a resume of work experience, skills, and qualifications.
- Create good relationships with your professors by having good attendance and a professional attitude.
- □ Network with Alumni and other professionals in your field.

#### **Spring Semester**

- □ Join a campus organization, preferably one that is related to your major.
- □ Start developing a professional wardrobe.
- Seek out alumni and mentors in your field and obtain informational interviews to get a clear understanding of your career choice.
- Connect with Career Services to review your resume and learn how to create a LinkedIn and Handshake account and upload your resume for employers to have access to.
- □ Attend SSU Career Fairs!

# **Second Year:**

#### **Fall Semester**

- $\hfill\square$  Seek leadership position within the organization you joined last year.
- □ Continue relevant work experience.
- □ Find and attend events that will provide networking opportunities and company information sessions.
- □ Volunteer or work part-time if full-time employment is not obtained before graduation.
- □ Maintain a GPA of at least a 3.0.
- Meet with academic advisor to see if you need an internship to graduate from your program, if so seek one within your field.
- □ Consider attending an SSU Etiquette Dinner.
- □ Make job searching a priority as soon as possible, don't wait for graduation!

### **Spring Semester**

- □ Update your resume and connect with good references.
- □ Practice your interviewing skills by scheduling a Mock Interview with the Career Services Office.
- □ Continue developing your professional wardrobe.
- □ Join a professional organization for your field.
- □ Consider attending an SSU Etiquette Dinner.
- □ Attend SSU Career Fairs!