

Student Veteran Career Preparation Plan

(Transfer students: you can still use this plan. You may already have completed some tasks. Check off those and do the rest! Just compress the tasks to fit into your time at Temple.)

FIRST YEAR: Self-Assessment

- Read the **Vet Career Connect** every month so you know when and where the workshops you need are held and what opportunities are available to you. [Sign up here.](#)
- Learn about YOURSELF! Determine your interests (what you like), skills (what you are good at) and values (what is important to you). Utilize FOCUS2, an on-line career guidance program from the Career Center. Discuss assessment results with your Career Coach (<https://careercenter.temple.edu/>).
- Explore what you might study at Temple.
- Develop an academic plan with your advisor – use BANNER, learn your program requirements, prerequisites and course registration information. Meet with your advisor in preparation for pre-registration of next semester’s courses.
- Join clubs/activities/student organizations, as these can enhance opportunities for scholarships, grants and networking. Get more information on [OwlConnect](#).
- Attend **Career Center** [workshops, info sessions, career fairs](#), and more
- [Build your resume](#). Meet with Career Coach to review.
- Explore summer internship options.
- Visit the [Military & Veteran Services Center](#) to connect with additional resources.

SECOND YEAR: Exploration

- Continue to **read the Vet Career Connect** every month. [Sign up here.](#)
- Conduct [informational interviews](#) with people in fields of interests such as faculty and alumni.
- Explore different career paths via summer jobs and internships.
- Declare a major by the end of the academic year; meet with your advisor to revisit your academic plan.
- Purchase/obtain discounted [professional business suit](#) with accessories, for interviews and work.
- [Update](#) your resume.
- Explore [study abroad](#) options.
- Attend **Career Center** [workshops, info sessions, career fairs](#), and more

THIRD YEAR: Evaluation

- Continue to **read the Vet Career Connect** every month.

- Identify possible career choices, evaluate your options & continue to research employers.
- Begin to build a relationship with your faculty. Let them get to know you!
- Continue to attend professional development workshops and webinars listed in the **Vet Career Connect**. [Sign up here](#).
- Update your resume, have it reviewed by employers and staff at Career Center and other events.
- Prepare additional documents:
 - Cover Letter ♦ Transcripts ♦ Writing Samples
- Practice interview skills by participating in a [Mock Interview](#) or using [Big Interview](#).
- Complete an internship in your area of interest (see [Handshake](#)).
- Get involved in a leadership position with your student group, club, activity or community group.
- Learn how to “market” yourself and talk about your skills and experiences.
- Get free professional profile photo at Career Center.
- Create a LinkedIn profile, join professional groups, and connect with colleagues.
- Conduct [informational interviews](#) with employers
- Attend **Career Center** workshops, info sessions, career fairs, and more.

FOURTH YEAR: Implementation

- Continue to **read the Vet Career Connect** every month. [Sign up here](#).
- Attend **Career Center** workshops, info sessions, career fairs, and more
- Think about short and long-term options and plan a job search strategy.
- Begin full-time job search by the end of fall semester or beginning of spring semester.
- Use [Handshake](#) to begin searching for job opportunities.
- Identify additional sources of job leads by networking with faculty, staff, family and friends.
- Conduct employer research:
 - Company History, Vision, Mission ♦ Products & Services ♦ Culture/Structure ♦ Total Compensation (Salary, Benefits, On-site Amenities, Bonuses)
- Apply for graduation on Banner.
- Finalize career goals.
- Prepare for life after graduation.

** *It should be noted each student will have their own unique experience. This timeline provides information for the student to work toward or to complete through each academic phase.*