Career Success Steps

**Year 1**
- Complete First-Year Experience Course
- Learn about yourself - Take a personality assessment
- Meet with a Career Exploration Coach
- Complete Handshake & GW CareerConnect profiles
- Review Handshake Resource Guides
- Explore majors & careers: Career Options Sheets
- Join student organizations
- Get involved with the Nashman Center
- Consider Study Abroad opportunities for next year

**EXPLORE**
- Complete First-Year Experience Course
- Gain experience through Volunteer Service, Internships, and on-campus jobs
- Update your resume and LinkedIn each semester
- Acquire professional attire
- Learn the GW Professional Competencies
- Network with alumni mentors on GW Career Connect & LinkedIn
- Attend the Spring Career Exploration Expo
- Consider undergraduate fellowships and research
- Perfect your cover letter

**PREPARE**
- Meet with a Career Coach to identify occupation titles and companies
- Practice your pitch and interview skills
- Get involved in campus leadership roles
- Conduct informational interviews with alumni
- Pursue an internship and other experiences like CareerQuest
- Consider post-graduate plans (employment, graduate school, military service, etc)
- Attend conferences, industry events, and career fairs

**EXECUTE**
- Meet with a Career Coach to polish resume and interview skills
- Update your professional headshot
- Attend Career Center Salary Negotiation Workshop
- Continue to develop Professional Competencies and experience
- Attend Career Center employer info sessions
- Pursue leads through Handshake, LinkedIn, and recruiting events
- Apply for jobs and report your outcome to GW