College of Veterinary Medicine:
Career Action Plan

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Learn about Yourself & Career Options
Learn about yourself and gain clarity about academic/career options through Career Planning Appointments, online assessments or programs like Career Success Institute.

- **Schedule a Career Planning Appointment with your CRC Liaison Katelyn Jerles.** This initial 30 minute career planning session can occur via phone, Skype or in person at the College of Veterinary Medicine in the Veterinary Academic Building. Katelyn’s Career Planning Hours are by appointment on Mondays 1pm-3:30pm and Thursdays from 8am-11:30am with drop in hours from 1:30pm-3:30pm on Thursdays. Schedule your appointment online through Gator CareerLink
- **Explore Careers,** shadow a professional or visit the AAVMC career resources page to learn about different careers in the veterinary medical field [http://www.aavmc.org/additional-pages/Veterinary-Career-Options.aspx](http://www.aavmc.org/additional-pages/Veterinary-Career-Options.aspx)
- **Explore way to get involved in the UF and Gainesville-area community.** Many students gain experience outside of the classroom through research opportunities, veterinary technician positions, externships, summer positions, wet labs, student organizations, volunteer positions, part time jobs, among other activities
- **Complete Assessments,** access a variety of assessments to learn about your personality, interests or values. Understand what they indicate as a CRC staff member discusses the results with you in a career planning appointment
- **Activate Your Gator CareerLink** account to schedule career planning appointments visit [www.crc.ufl.edu](http://www.crc.ufl.edu)

Develop Professionally
Evaluate the career readiness competencies you have or need to develop for interested career paths. Set short term goals to gain more knowledge and skills related to your interests.

- **Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions.** Connect with representatives from organizations that recruit on campus each fall and spring. Make sure to mark your calendar for the 4th Year Career Day and the All years UF CVM Career & Networking Event both hosted in the Fall Semesters. Be sure to follow UF CVM Careers on Facebook ([https://www.facebook.com/ufcvmcareers/](https://www.facebook.com/ufcvmcareers/)) to stay up to date on events within the college.
- **Coordinate Informational Interviews** to learn more about the daily life within career paths
- **Attend Industry Connection events.** Attend live workshops to ask questions and network or view recorded sessions through the Resource Library of Gator CareerLink. Present and network at both local and national association conferences and meetings specific to the field of your interest
- **Identify programs and establish relationships** to support you as you clarify your interests or need help with decision making. Schedule a career planning appointment or talk to faculty members to find programs and create professional connections
- **Develop or refine application documents** for campus or community opportunities, professional development programs or other graduate and professional schools. Schedule a career planning appointment to review these documents with Katelyn Jerles by emailing KatelynJ@crc.ufl.edu
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Build Experience

Trying things can help clarify your career goals. Consider options for internships, shadowing, involvement, volunteering, research, externships, or part time work. All type of experience can help you prepare for what's next.

- **Apply for volunteer, externships, or part time employment** through the job database of Gator CareerLink, create Search Agents to automate your search
- **Learn how to explain what you gained** from your experiences in meaningful ways for future applications and employers.
- **Attend College of Veterinary Medicine career events**, UF CVM Career & Networking Event in fall, and reach out to alumni

Prepare for Your Next Step

Confidently connect with employers throughout the application process for internships, full-time work and other graduate schools. Present yourself as a strong candidate and communicate your experiences. Think about and move towards your next professional goal.

- **Sharpen interview techniques** with Mock Interviews through a career planning appointment or the Virtual Mock Interviews via Gator CareerLink (Associate Veterinarian Interview and General Interview questions available to practice)
- **Understand salary negotiation**, value, and worth as it relates to positions and locations
- **Take active steps to transition** from where you are to where you want to be