



# PATHWAYS

TO MEANINGFUL WORK

**Career Development is a lifelong journey. The Pathways to Meaningful Work provide direction to help you begin with the end in mind and reach your career goals.**

## **SELF-DISCOVERY** Finding where strengths and interests align with in-demand professional pathways.

1. Discover how your professional values, interests, personality preferences, and workplace preferences align with careers and majors by completing the PathwayU assessments: [bellarmine.pathwayu.com](http://bellarmine.pathwayu.com)
2. Explore majors and careers:
  - Take BU199: Major and Career Pathways in the spring of your first year
  - What Can I Do With This Major: [bellarmine.edu/studentaffairs/careercenter/resources/](http://bellarmine.edu/studentaffairs/careercenter/resources/)
3. Visit Handshake at [bellarmine.joinhandshake.com](http://bellarmine.joinhandshake.com) to:
  - Develop your personal profile
  - Search for part-time jobs, internships, events and programs
  - Make an appointment with a Career Advisor to explore your major and/or career options
4. Start building your résumé and gaining experience:
  - Student organizations/teams
  - Volunteering
  - Study Abroad

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## **CAREER READINESS** Demonstrating the essential skills employers' need in the 21st century knowledge economy.

1. Meet with a Career Advisor to:
  - Develop your résumé and cover letter
  - Identify your unique skill set as it relates to your field of interest
  - Create your elevator pitch
  - Complete a mock interview
2. Take BU299: Internship Preparation and Success as a sophomore, junior or senior
3. Earn your Career Readiness endorsement and a special cord distinction at Commencement by completing an internship for credit
4. Continue gaining experience by getting involved with clubs and organizations on campus and by volunteering in the community
5. Begin applying for jobs six months prior to graduation

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Building relevant experience to gain skills and advance professional goals.

1. Complete informational interviews with professionals in careers that interest you
2. Complete a job shadow experience
3. Participate in a mock interview
  - Use Big Interview to prepare: [bellarmine.biginterview.com](http://bellarmine.biginterview.com)
4. Take advantage of the Bellarmine Internship Guarantee:
  - Complete an internship for academic credit
  - Complete BU299 or an equivalent course to be eligible for the Summer Internship Scholarship – resulting in savings of over \$1500
  - Inquire about the Community Engagement Access Fund to learn about paid internships in the local nonprofit and government sectors

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## MENTORING & NETWORKING

Connecting with alumni and employers to explore, learn, and seek opportunities.

1. Attend career fairs and other career development events
2. Participate in Mentor Knight each fall to learn about careers in your industry of interest and network with alumni
3. Participate in the Alumni Mentor Program as a sophomore, junior, and senior
4. Audit your social media presence and build your LinkedIn profile
5. Attend career industry networking events
6. Identify and contact people you would like to serve as references, such as faculty and employers

“Begin with the end in mind.”

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