



Life After College Graduation

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To graduate then.... what?

- More School
 - Graduate School
 - You must think about admission requirements because each school and program will have different requirements
 - Test scores, prerequisites, etc.
- Military
- Teachers for America/Americorps
VISTA/FEMA Corps, etc.
- Career/Job
- Certification
 - Example:
 - Certified Public Accountant (CPA) you don't need an Accounting Degree!

Experience & Transferable Skills

- Get involved on campus through working, holding a leadership position in a student organization, studying abroad, joining a sports club or intramural!
 - You can gain experience and skills that can be transferred to many different jobs/positions
 - These skills include:
 - Public Speaking, team work, listening skills, decision making, and many, many more!

Take Advantage of Campus Resources

- Visit the Career Center!
 - Most institutions let alumni use these services
 - Mock Interviews
 - Find shadow opportunities
- Visit the Leadership Office and take a leadership assessment:
 - Find out your leadership style
 - This helps you think: “What are my strengths?”

Other Things to Think About

- What does your online presence say about you?:
 - LinkedIn
 - Facebook
 - Twitter, etc
- Do you have a professional email address?