



Career Readiness: A Partnership with Parents

What's Important

- Confidence in major!
- Gaining experience and skill building.
- Transferring existing and new skills to resumes and interviews.
- Learning Handshake.
- Attending recruiting events.

Confidence!

- I have the ability to master my curriculum/major.
- I know what occupations my degree is preparing me for.
- I know when to do an internship and how to find one.
- I know the types of skills I have and what I need to develop.
- I know if a Master's or professional degree will be needed.

Gaining Experience

- Inside the classroom
 - Content knowledge
- Outside the classroom
 - Get involved with clubs, groups, organizations (freshman)
 - Professional student affiliations (sophomore)
 - Campus jobs (anytime)
 - Volunteer/service learning (freshman/sophomore)
 - Internships / Co-ops

Transferring Skills to Resumes and Interviews

- GOLD Career Readiness Program
 - Designed for freshman and sophomores
 - Intended to accelerate readiness for internships
 - Completed in one semester
 - 450 per year or 1/3 of freshman class





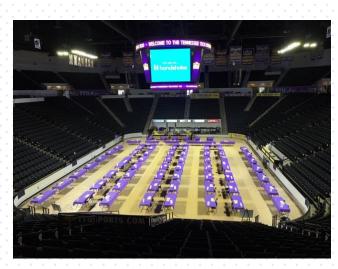
FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE GOLD CAREER **READINESS PROGRAM** Applications will be accepted March 4 - April 16, 2021 Applications will not be accepted after Friday, April 16, 2021 SPONSORED BY **EASTMAN** Students must engage in at least two of the following: Community service or volunteer project while a ☐ Internship/ Cooperative Education Part-time job while at Tech student at Tech NCAA Athlete Service Learning experience associated with a TypeFocus on file with the Center for Career Development Tech class or community service organization found at https://www.tntech.edu/career/students Enrolled in a University 1000, 1010, 1020, 1030 or Students must participate in three of the following: Attend one of the University Student Success Center Membership in a campus or professional club or organization _ Registered on Handshake with a completed profile and Attend at least one fair during the Spring 2021 Semester: Education Career Fair, March 2nd Appointment with Career Development Office (includes Engineering/STEM Career Fair, March 3rd Co-op Meetup) Nashville Job Fair, Date TBA Students must complete ALL THREE sections below: nts must swipe Eagle Card to get credit for attending live events. To attend virtually see "Events" on Handshake 1. Attend one resume writing workshop: Writing my First Resume Don't be an April Fool! Write your Resume Today February 23 / 11am / RUC Multipurpose Room April 1 / 11am / RUC Multipurpose Room 2. Attend one interview workshop: Top Ten Interview Tips Introductory Interview Success March 4 / 11am / RUC Multipurpose Room Gold Makeup Workshop April 13 / 11am / RUC Multipurpose Room 3. Complete the GOLD Career Readiness online program tntech.edu/career/students/gold-career-app.php Gender ☐ White/Caucasian Asian/Asian American ☐ Middle Eastern □ Male Female Black or African American Two or More Races ☐ Native American/Alaskan Native Prefer not to answe Latino/Latina Prefer not to Answe

What is Handshake?

- 24 / 7 / 365 Career Resource Software.
- Leverages machine learning.
- Only for students in college or alumni.
- Currently on approximately 1,850 campuses.
- Resume storage, jobs and internships.
- We approve about 300 jobs per day.
- Employers can surf resumes, post positions and register for job fairs.
- It is the "where" to find internships and jobs.

Attend Job Fairs

- Primary and best way for students to meet employers
- Our line up
 - Part-Time Welcome Back Fair (August or early September)
 - Campus-Wide (all majors) Employer Expo (September)
 - Agriculture Fair (February)
 - Spring Engineering Fair (March)
 - Education Fair (late March)
 - Nashville Area Career Fair (April)



YOUR FOUR-YEAR CAREER PLAN

Freshman Year

- □ Log in to your Handshake account and fill out your profile at https://tntech.joinhandshake.com/edu.
 □ Let us help you get started preparing your first college resume.
- ☐ Explore career interests with TypeFocus and Career Spots on the Center for Career Development website
- ☐ Decide on a major, if you haven't already, by the end of your first year.
- ☐ Attend one of our annual career fairs and numerous workshops as part of your career exploration.
- ☐ Join at least one affinity group, campus club or become a student member of a professional organization.
- ☐ Consider gaining GOLD Career Readiness Certification (Freshman-Sophomore).

Sophomore Year

- ☐ Update your resume and upload it to Handshake online resume and job database.
- □ Update your profile section in Handshake and begin to consider the possibility of interning. Visit www.tntech.edu/career/students/internships.php for more information.
- ☐ Improve your interviewing skills by using the InterviewStream online software system.
- Obtain your GOLD Career Readiness Certification (Freshman-Sophomore) to increase workplace knowledge.
- □ Join a career-related or professional organization.
- Consider starting a LinkedIn account.

Junior Year

- Participate in a cooperative education or internship program to gain experience in your major.
- □ Network attend career fairs, on and off campus, and pursue a leadership role in a campus organization.
- Don't forget to start working toward your PURPLE Career Readiness Certification (Junior-Senior) and upload your updated resume to your Handshake account.
- Considering graduate or professional school? Begin researching programs of interest, admission requirements and testing deadlines. Let us help you with personal statements and resumes.

Senior Year

- ☐ Finalize your resume in Handshake and practice your interviewing skills with Interviewing.com.
- □ Begin applying for full-time jobs 7 8 months before graduation.
- ☐ Participate in Career Development on-campus interviews, workshops and special recruiting events.
- □ Obtain your PURPLE Career Readiness Certification (Junior-Senior) to learn valuble transition skills.
- Attend as many job fairs and recruiting events on and off campus as possible. Review the complete list via your Handshake account.



Partnership with Parents

- Encourage your student to get registered early on Handshake.
- Make them watch the internship videos here:
- Help them to remember and get ready for job fairs!
- Encourage your student to get GOLD Career Ready!

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Stay up with us here!