

# Two-Year Plan at Hudson County Community College

## A Guide for Career Success from Application to Graduation

### 0 TO 15 CREDITS

*Get ready to work!*

#### FIRST SEMESTER

Your first semester is a time to assess your own interests and explore all your available options.

- Attend CDC Career Exploration Workshop
- Take an online career assessment using Focus2 at [www.hccc.edu/FOCUS](http://www.hccc.edu/FOCUS)
- Create your College Central Network profile at [www.collegecentral.com/hccc](http://www.collegecentral.com/hccc) to see posted jobs
- Attend CDC Resume & Cover Letter Workshop
- Write a resume
- Get involved in student life activities to build your resume and learn important soft skills
- Attend HCCC Meta-Major Career Exploration Fair

### 16 TO 30 CREDITS

*Plan!*

#### SECOND SEMESTER

Explore and gather information about career fields. Summer jobs, internships, and volunteer activities will provide first-hand insights.

- Attend CDC Professional Branding Workshop
- Create a LinkedIn account and maintain an updated profile
- Explore your career options, internships, and employment opportunities with a Career Advisor
- Participate in student leadership activities and community service through the Office of Student Activities
- Continue to update your resume as you gain new education, skills, and experiences
- Attend HCCC Job Fair (held every spring semester)

### 31 TO 45 CREDITS

*Stay on track!*

#### THIRD SEMESTER

Aim for outstanding academic performance and reflect on relevant projects in your field. Internships and part-time jobs will help you acquire new skills, learn more about careers, and develop a network of contacts.

- Attend CDC Interviewing Workshop
- Make a Mock Interview appointment with a Career Advisor to practice interviewing skills
- Build relationships with HCCC staff and Faculty
- Update/maintain your resume
- Participate in networking events
- Attend HCCC College Transfer Fair

### 46 CREDITS TO GRADUATION

*Participate!*

#### FOURTH SEMESTER

Set reasonable career goals for yourself. Meeting with a Career Advisor throughout your final semester will help to keep you on track toward achieving those goals.

- Attend CDC Transferring Workshop
- If you haven't already, consider doing a session on Perfect Interview to improve your interview skills
- Research employers and begin interviewing for positions
- Start considering internships and/or completing job applications
- Register for the HCCC Alumni Association
- Attend HCCC Job Fair (held every spring semester)