

TRACING YOUR CAREER PATH

Tracing your Career Path is useful for:

- Creating a personal strategy for a position and/or experience search
- Developing knowledge about specific career paths
- Becoming more familiar with LinkedIn and its capabilities
- Recognizing the diverse paths that can someone to the same ultimate career choice

Directions:

1. Visit www.linkedin.com/alumni and select your current institution (Note: You will need to login to create an account before completing this assignment).
2. Toggle the screen to the right (using the > button to the right of the screen), and select or type your major or concentration.
3. Select one or two professional profiles and note the following:
 - a. How did they get to where they are?
 - b. What jobs did they have along the way?
 - c. What skills do they have?
4. Reflect on the questions below.

Things to Think About:

- What did you learn about your career path in this process?
- Did you find anyone with an interesting path that you wouldn't have expected?
- Is there anyone you want to reach out to and learn more about their story?
- What new options might be available for you in your career path that you did not consider before or think was possible?

If you would like to talk to someone about this activity or need additional resources, **Career Services** is available to all students! Check out our website to make an appointment or to see upcoming events and workshops: <http://www.careers.vcu.edu>