2017 Teaching Assistant Orientation
Teach, Lead, Succeed: Career and Professional Development Opportunities at NIU

The Graduate School was busy this summer:
Bring your laptop or tablet so you can follow along as we introduce the following...

We’ll start with the new **Professional Development** section on the Graduate School’s web site.

Plus, a new 1 credit hour course for the fall semester, **UNIV 600**...
For students in research lab or shop settings. Employers want this skill.

Next, we’ll walk you through the new **Graduate Career and Professional Development Community Portal**, a one-stop shop for your career and professional development needs.

- Learn about our new **Career Development Pathway**!
  Make sure you know the job market and have considered diverse career options. Get a plan.
- Complete the **Self-Assessment Survey**!
  Identify skill areas of strength and those you want to develop.
- Experience **Portal Community** benefits!
  Auto-receive career-related information, news you can use, and more.
- Browse our new **Professional Development Workshops**!
  Broaden your skills, learn to network, and become competitive in a skills-driven job market.

**Next Steps**
- Join the Portal Community.
- Complete the Self-Assessment Survey.
- Register for workshops and events.
  (Engage early and Pursue your Pathway)
- Let us talk with you individually, in small groups, or classes.
- Spread the word.

**Who are we?**
We are Co-coordinators of Graduate Career and Professional Development, ready to help.

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