Teach, Lead, Succeed:
Career & Professional Development Opportunities at NIU

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What job occupation interests you?

A Question…

Salary
Demand
Skills
Employers
Alumni

Do you have a career plan?

Workshop Objectives…

1. Familiarize yourself with the Professional Development section on the Grad School website
   - Take advantage of the many resources available to you.

2. Join the GCPD Community
   - Get active in this online community. Receive updates on new resources and participate in discussions.

3. Use the Labor Market and Alumni Scanners
   - Discover a broad range of career options and identify specialized skills that will give you a competitive edge and a higher salary. See what graduates from your degree programs are doing and connect with them using LinkedIn.

   - Receive the entire C&PD curriculum and incentivize your career pathway.

5. Take Advantage of Free C&PD Workshops Throughout the Academic Year
   - Watch for weekly emails about free graduate student C&PD workshops. You will have access to 75+ workshops to assist you with your career needs. Use the [Learn more](#) to register!

Explore the Grad School Website…

Go to the Graduate School’s Home Page (grad.niu.edu)

Select Community Portal from the Professional Development drop-down menu.

Join the Community…

- On the right side of the portal’s Home page, look for this button:
  - [Join the community]

- Click it to join.
  - Don’t see the button? You’re already a member.

Labor Market: Scanner A, page 1

You can explore the labor market at the master’s and doctoral levels using flexible search options.
Identify Specialized Skills: Scanner A, page 2

BGT identifies different categories of skills for each occupation. You can use this page to:
• Identify CA and SP skills for occupations of interest.
• Build targeted skill goals into an IDP.
• Locate resources to meet skill goals.
• Showcase CA and SP skills in your LinkedIn profile and resume.

Most Requested & Future Growth: Scanner B, page 2

Scanner B lets you view the most requested skills for occupations of interest (some of these may also be CA and/or SP), and also provides employment projections of skills over the next two years.

You can also browse the labor market using BGT skill clusters. This lets you explore “Career Walks.”

Career Walks: Scanner B, page 3

BGT skill clusters connect occupations. By mixing skill clusters (green circles), you can broaden your career choices. For example, an English MA student proficient in the “Writing” cluster would open opportunities in public relations by mixing in the “Social Media” cluster.

Discover Alumni: Scanner C

Our Alumni Scanner lets you discover what graduates from your degree program are doing. The back-end data are driven by LinkedIn.

A New Course: UNIV 601

Receive the entire C&PD curriculum and incentivize your career pathway.

Register Today!

You’re Invited! Fall Workshops

Register for Grad C&PD Fall events:
go.niu.edu/gradworkshops
We can help you in pursuing your career pathway!

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