Your career timeline is an essential part of your academic experience. It provides you with the framework to enhance your secondary education with career related activities that will assist you in your professional life. Students attest that participating in such activities helps them decide which path to take in school and life.

**Semesters One and Two - Explore and Experiment**

- Learn about services offered by Career Services and set up your mycareer.dal.ca account
- Attend Career Services workshops
- Define your career goals
- Make an appointment with Career Services to create a resume and professional cover letter
- Self-assessment on mycareer.dal.ca
- Attend company info sessions
- Explore skills needed for your career interests/goals
- Become involved in extracurricular activities to make personal and professional connections and develop soft skills
- Research your industry or career of interest for needed skills and experience
- Seek out paid internships or volunteer opportunities related to your career plans
- Practice interview skills (mock interviews with Career Services)
- Network with contacts in your chosen field

**Semesters Three and Four - Experience and Excel**

- Attend Career Services workshops - polish your professional image to present yourself to employers with style
- Update your resume
- Organize and implement your job search strategies
- Seek out volunteer activities to fill in the experience/skills gaps in your resume - take on leadership roles on campus and/or in volunteer organizations off-campus
- Keep in contact with your network – your employer from last summer, faculty, industry contacts, etc.
- Sharpen your interview skills by taking part in mock interviews at Career Services
- Consider further education – don’t stop learning!!!