

# Strategies to Best Prepare for a Career in the Hospitality Industry

- Demonstrate enthusiasm for working in the Hospitality Industry.
- Develop the ability to make quick decisions independently and to handle stress all while meeting deadlines.
- Attend professional conferences and trade shows.
- Be geographically flexible and willing to relocate.
- Complete internships or work part-time jobs with hotels, restaurants, clubs, conference centers, and banquet facilities.
- Join student organizations and professional associations and volunteer for committees and events.
- Hone interpersonal communication skills and become adept at communicating with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Assume leadership roles in student organizations and professional associations.
- Build a strong foundation in customer service and management.
- Learn to work well in teams.
- To succeed, develop an orientation toward service and attention to detail.
- Gain leadership experience through planning activities and events for campus and community organizations.
- Display good planning, organizational, interpersonal, and public speaking skills.
- Learn to think creatively and out of the box.
- Study the industry leaders and trends by reading up-to-date news articles.
- Work in all positions to be able to coach other employees.
- Learn effective problem-solving skills.

- Create your elevator speech to use when networking with recruiters.