Choosing a Major Checklist

Resources are on the Gateway Student Success Center’s website under Students and Career/Major Exploration. You can schedule an appointment with a Gateway Advisor by calling (928) 523-4772.

☐ Sigi3- Go the Gateway website (www.nau.edu/gateway), then click on Students, then click on the Sigi3 link. Log in using your LOUIE login, and then create an account. Take the inventory assessments and explore career options for everything you find interesting.

☐ Make an appointment with a Gateway Advisor to discuss your Sigi3 results.

☐ Careers by Major- If you have an idea of a major, but you’re not sure about career opportunities within those majors, use these information pages to explore possible career options and find helpful informational websites. (http://www4.nau.edu/gateway/Students/CareerMajorExploration/CareersbyMajor.htm)

☐ Make an appointment with a Gateway Advisor to discuss Careers by Major choices.

☐ Research online- Research careers using the Occupational Information Network (http://www.onetonline.org). Browse careers by job family, keyword or skills.

☐ Talk to Faculty- Faculty can be a great resource on career options within the area they teach. Ask them questions about their field and what alumni are doing with degrees in their areas.

☐ Shadow- Take the opportunity to contact employers in the field you are interested in and conduct an informational interview and/or shadow them for the day.

☐ Career & Graduate School Fairs- Take the opportunity to talk with employers and graduate school representatives to find out about professions of interest to you. If needed, make an appointment with a Gateway Advisor and share your ideas and feedback.

☐ Jobs for Jacks- Jobs for Jacks is NAU’s online job database. Log on and create an account, post your resume for employers to view. Jobs for Jacks has all student employment on-campus, as well as all employers who are interested in recruiting NAU students for internships and full-time jobs.

☐ Gain Hands-On Experience- Get involved in student organizations, community service opportunities and/or gain relevant experience through part-time jobs or internships. This not only helps your resume, it can also help you identify if the field is a good fit for you.