I've Graduated Now What?

Earning your graduate degree can open up different doors of opportunity. You may want to use your degree to advance your career or maybe you comfortable where you are. To help answer the question, I've graduated now what, ask yourself a few questions in the form of a self-assessment, a) Who am I, b) What are my interests, c) What skills do I have, d) What are my work related values, e) What is my work style? The answers to these questions can help you choose the right career, create a promotional path, or determine career goals.

Whatever you decide there are some things you can do after you graduate to help you get ready for anything. If you have not done so already, developing your professional network when you are fresh out of grad school is a good idea. Take advantage of this while you are still in contact with those in the academic world. Check out the November 2013 issue of Grad Connect to find out how to network. You may find it helpful to join groups, LISTSERVS, or discussion forums so that you can keep up with current events, developments, and opportunities.

No matter what point you are at in your career it is always important to keep your resume or CV current and remember to include the degree you just earned. More tips for resume writing can be found at Utica College's Office of Career Services as well as in the June 2013 issue of Grad Connect. In addition to the achievements on your resume, you can also include other relevant experiences, such as internships, volunteer work, or research projects. This can help you stand out to potential employers and show them that you have a well-rounded set of skills.

Important Dates

Please note the upcoming deadlines:

- **June 27** - Last day to add/drop a D2 course
- **July 1** - Suggested deadline to get a capstone project to the chair/committee for review
- **July 4** - Utica College closed in observance of Independence Day
- **July 18** - S4 courses running May 27 - July 18 end
- **July 25** - Deadline to withdraw from full term campus courses
resume, be sure to recognize your soft skills such as leadership, team work, and problem solving. These skills do not stand out on their own so make sure to highlight them.

A graduate degree does not mean the end of your educational journey. Over time things will change, continued learning is a great way to keep up with changes and advancements. One way to continue learning is to identify a skill that was not a part of your graduate studies and taking a course that help develop that. As Albert Einstein said, "Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."

Earning your graduate degree begins a new chapter in your life. While the right choice for you might not always be obvious, try some of our suggestions to help prepare you and guide you in the right direction. Congratulations on your achievement and Utica College wishes you the best of luck!

Find out more at:
Career Services
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The Write Idea:
How Can I Continue My Research?

You have successfully submitted your masterpiece and received final confirmation that it was accepted. This is a time of excitement and relief but you may find yourself wondering what comes next? For some it can be difficult to let go of something you have put so much work into, if this is the case, one solution is publication. Writing for publication can offer a new forum in which to explore your topic. Writing for a journal or publication is different, however, from writing for your thesis or capstone project.

Publishing part of your research is a big decision to make and you should consider a few things first: 1) your level of commitment, 2) how many similar articles already exist and the level of public interest, 3) is your topic to specialized for a broad audience, 4) is there a time limit, 5) do you have enough material? Once you have decided to publish, you will want to narrow down a list of journals you are interested in. It helps to read their articles to get a sense of the length, writing style, and the content that they publish. This can help you decide how to tailor your piece to the journal of your preference.

Keep in mind when writing a journal article you will not be able to use everything from your thesis or capstone project. "Don't be afraid to let parts of it go, remember your work is already out there in its entirety." Initial parts to eliminate include inconsistencies, areas where the supporting data is limited, any chances of plagiarism, and

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Did You Know?

The Phase I: Implementation form will be electronic starting in Fall 2014. The form was previously in .pdf form which you would print, fill out, and send in. Good news! Now the form is electronic just like the Phase III: Completion Form. The form can be accessed online at utica.edu/ogs under Forms. Students will need to log-in with the same username and password they use to access BannerWeb and their UC email. Simply fill in all of
obvious signs that it originated from a thesis or capstone project. Journal articles are more condensed and use common, everyday language.

Some things to take from your thesis or capstone project are the 1) original key elements, 2) main argument, and 3) what you want to achieve. You can use these three elements to create an outline to organize your ideas. During the writing process you may want to have an editor and peer reviewers. If you have signed with a publishing company they may provide you with these services, if not you will want to recruit people to help you review. Remember your are writing a new piece so an objective set of eyes can not only help you with spelling, grammar, and semantics; but content and writing style as well.

Turning pieces of your thesis or capstone project into a journal article can be a great way to maximize the benefits of your hard work and help you gain closure. Publishing can also help you personally and professionally as some careers encourage research and publication. If you having trouble letting go of your research and feel there is more to explore, you should consider publication.

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