

## Acquiring Leadership Experience

How to gain Leadership experience to prepare yourself for your career after College:

Navigating your way through college can be a difficult and exhausting task for a lot of college students. The ongoing bombardment of tests, thick accented teachers, and hard to meet deadlines is enough to drive anyone crazy. With that said, it is important to add something else to your already packed to-do list: Leadership experience. This will help you immediately and you will see the long-term rewards of this as you try to apply for a job and when you actually become part of the workforce.

Most of you are sighing and squirming as you read the above text because it would mean another addition to your hectic schedule. While there is some reason to be pessimistic about this, if you really look into it and spend a bit of time researching what exactly you want to do, it can actually turn into a fun and rewarding experience that will complement your busy schedule and not necessarily wreck chaos on it.

How exactly can you acquire that invaluable leadership experience?

Many colleges offer a plethora of clubs and organizations on campus and are open to all students. This is a great opportunity to meet people who are like-minded and is a great time to network while in college. The good thing about these clubs is that since there are so many of them, you are almost guaranteed to find something that will suit your style. In the rare case that something that you are interested in is not available, you will have the option to start your own club.

Do you enjoy making hard decisions that will affect the student body as a whole? Do you have a passion for politics and consider it a possible career path? Join Student Government and attain great communication and leadership skills that will most assuredly help pad your official resume when you are ready for a job. If helping fellow students and guiding them on the right path is more your style, join the Peer Advisory Board. This can look very good on a resume and will allow you to attain valuable life knowledge while giving you the satisfaction of helping other people.

All in all, involving yourself in your college or university will allow you to gain valuable transferable workplace skills like decision-making, organization, communication, teamwork, and critical thinking skills. All of these are invaluable assets that most employees seek in potential hires. These skills will be the perfect complement to your classwork and will allow you to become a well-rounded individual that any company would love to have in their ranks.