Getting That First Job Right Out of College

Just about all institutions of higher learning employ career coaches, usually accessed through a career center, to guide and critique students in everything from selecting a major and resume preparation to self-confidence building processes and the refining of interview skills. A few schools take a little more personal approach. For example, an alumnus mentoring a student one-on-one both in person and virtually. Sometimes mentoring is provided by virtual network alone.

However, the most helpful aid may be having worked in a paid student co-op or intern setting toward the end of one’s college matriculation, with the caveat that the student’s work be in his or her major academic field. It may very well result in a pretty ideal career opportunity right after graduation and at an already familiar workplace.