Next Step Experiences

The world of work has changed; people need to take charge of managing their own career and redefine what success means as their needs and priorities change.

UC San Diego Extension provides information and resources to help students make good decisions as they plan the next steps in their career.

Extension’s best certificates have courses or options that help bridge the gap to employment by allowing students to gain hands-on experience, working closely with instructors, employers, and/or peers on real-world projects.

Some examples of Next Step Experiences include:

- Internships
- Personal portfolio building
- Practice in analyzing and presenting solutions to real-world case situations
- Team project management simulations
- One-on-one coaching to explore and address issues in a professional field
- Organized networking events and interaction with hiring managers
- Supervised practice in employment settings

Hundreds of individuals at Extension build bridges to their next career every year. Look for the “Next Step Experience” heading in a certificate description to learn more about the options available in that program.