

Resources for Mid-Career Professionals

For individuals with over 10 years of professional experience, looking for a new job in the same or a new field presents unique challenges. Those challenges may include acquiring new training, managing family obligations, or other issues. The job search tools, websites, articles and tips that follow provide methods to help experienced professionals best prepare themselves for a successful search.

Methods to Build Your Network

A network of professional contacts is critical in helping you establish yourself in a new field or new geographic location. These resources will help you build your network using your Maxwell and Syracuse University connections.

- Develop your [LinkedIn](#) profile
- Join the [Maxwell Group](#) and [SU Group](#) on LinkedIn
- Join LinkedIn Groups related to your career interests
- Follow Industry Influencers on LinkedIn in your field
- Sign up for SU's alumni group - '[Cuse Community](#)'

Advice on Changing Careers

These articles provide good advice and suggestions for experienced professionals considering a career change.

[How to Job Search as a Mid-Career Candidate](#)

[Job-Hunt Options and Strategy](#)

[Top Tips to Switch Careers](#)

[Landing a Second Career](#)

Resume Writing Tools

A resume is always a work in progress. For guidance on how to enhance your document, take a look at these articles.

[Changing Careers? Here's Exactly What to Put on Your Resume](#)

[Mind the Gap: How to Explain Gaps in Your Resume](#)

[7 Resume Tips for Career Changers](#)

[4 Must-Do Resume Tips for Senior- Level Jobs](#)

Job Search Tools for Mid-Career Professionals

There are many resources that provide advice for experienced professionals. Below are sites that are worth a look.

[Careershifters](#) is dedicated to helping individuals who feel stuck in the wrong career field find and move into more fulfilling careers. They offer articles, workshops, and many success stories to help people make a career change.

[LinkedIn](#) is a critical career search tool offering excellent networking connections, job listings, excellent articles and much more. Create your profile today!

[Back to Work 50+](#) is a program of AARP that provides training, job search coaching and job seeking tools.

[Indeed](#) is one of the largest sources for job postings in the world. This system aggregates openings from thousands of sites and allows users to filter on criteria like geographic location, experience level and desired salary.

[ReServe](#) provides those 50+ with opportunities within their communities to give back, try new things, learn new skills and connect with a cause. ReServists reinvest their skills and play a critical role in helping nonprofits, public institutions and city agencies fulfill their missions.

[Senior Service America](#) is an employment and training program serving those 55 years of age and older. It uses community resources to update enrollee's skills to make them competitive in the marketplace. Resources available include job clubs, resume support, networking, and interviewing assistance.

Resources to Gain New Skills

Below are several places you can gain new skills online. Note that some do require a fee.

[Coursera](#) is a partnership of educational institutions offering courses, which include pre-recorded videos and quizzes and projects; obtain help and support from other learners, and earn a certificate for participation. Free

[EdX](#) is a partnership of educational institutions offering access to courses on topics ranging from data and computer science to leadership and communications. Free

[LinkedIn Learning](#) (formerly Lynda.com) provides an online library of courses on a wide range of topics like 3D printing, animation, project management and more. \$

[Udemy](#) offers over 100,000 online video courses in everything from career development topics to finance and accounting. \$

[Udacity](#) provides in-demand skills in the fastest growing areas of technology in an online platform. \$

Additional Reading

[Switchers: How Smart Professionals Change Careers and Seize Success](#) by Dawn Graham

[The New Rules of Work: The Modern Playbook for Navigating Your Career](#) by Alexandra Cavoulacos and Kathryn Minshe

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