

## CAREER GUIDE

## **RESUME CHECKLIST**

| Overall First Impression (Appearance) |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                       | Looks professional, visually pleasing        |  |
|                                       | Margins are appropriate                      |  |
|                                       | Ample white space                            |  |
|                                       | Font size and type are appropriate           |  |
|                                       | No more than 2 fonts; used consistently      |  |
|                                       | Appropriate Length (1 page for undergrads)   |  |
|                                       | Logical page break location (if >1 page)     |  |
|                                       | Name and Page 2 on second page               |  |
|                                       | Not written in the first person              |  |
|                                       | Free of typos, spelling mistakes, and errors |  |



So, make sure your resume is professional looking!

| Personal Information |                                      |  |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                      | First and last name (bold)           |  |
|                      | Street address                       |  |
|                      | Phone number, including area code    |  |
|                      | Email address (appears professional) |  |
|                      | Personal webpage URL (optional)      |  |
|                      | LinkedIn URL (optional)              |  |

| Sections |  |  |
|----------|--|--|
|          | Clear and consistent labeling              |  |
|          | Sequence to properly highlight credentials |  |

| Summary of Skills |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
|                   | 3-4 bullets summarizing main points          |  |
|                   | Customize for position (use job description) |  |
|                   | Use key words scan software will detect      |  |

| Education |   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
|           | School name, and City, State where located  |  |
|           | Complete title of major(s) and minor(s)     |  |
|           | Date or anticipated date of graduation      |  |
|           | GPA (optional, include if > 3.0)            |  |
|           | List schools in reverse chronological order |  |
|           | Relevant courses (Optional)                 |  |
|           | High school not included                    |  |
|           |   |  |

| Work Experience |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
|                 | Title of position held                        |  |
|                 | Full name of the company                      |  |
|                 | City and state where the company is located   |  |
|                 | Dates the position held                       |  |
|                 | Dates listed: Month Year – Month Year         |  |
|                 | End date is "Present" if currently held       |  |
|                 | 1-2 sentences for responsibilities (Optional) |  |
|                 | Responsibilities detailed and specific        |  |
|                 | Accomplishments bulleted with action verbs    |  |
|                 | Verbs present tense for current positions     |  |
|                 | Verbs past tense for previous positions       |  |
|                 | Achievements specific and quantified          |  |
|                 | 3-6 bullet points per work experience         |  |
|                 | Target for specific position or career field  |  |
|                 | Part time work and internships included       |  |
|                 | Experiences in reverse chronological order    |  |

Honors & Activities (Optional)

Academic, athletic, and performance awards

Club or organization memberships

Volunteer activities with dates

of large organizations use "Resume Robots"

So, make sure you use the right <u>key words</u>!