

## Tips for Job Searching During COVID-19



# APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Craft a resume and cover letter
- · Have them critiqued by a career counselor

#### RESOURCES

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### **KEEP ON APPLYING**

- Employers are still hiring
- Focus on industry needs
- · Sort jobs by most recent

#### **RESOURCES**

Career Services JOBlink Indeed.com Glassdoor.com



#### **NETWORK**

- Optimize your LinkedIn profile
- Identify contacts of interests
- Request informational interviews
- Join a professional association in your field to network, gain access to career and professional development

#### RESOURCES

- 4 Tips on Writing Networking Emails (source: Vault)
- 4 Strategies on Nailing the Video Interview (source: Vault)



### CREATE DIGITAL PRESENCE



- Clean up your social media
- · Create an e-portfolio

### **UPSKILL YOURSELF**

- Identify key skills
- · Find free resources to learn

#### **RESOURCES**

Career Exploration/Analysis (<u>ONET Online</u>)
Entering a simple search term, like "film," "biology," or "mobile apps" in "Occupation Quick Search" in upper right brings up a list of possible jobs. Click on the job titles to read what skills and abilities are needed in this job. What are ways that you can grow your skills now?

<u>Coursera</u> is a famous, free platform for all kinds of courses in Business, Computer Science, Health, Languages, Personal Development, Productivity and more.

<u>TheMuse</u> (a fantastic resource for all things job- and career-related) has a list of 41 FREE Classes You Can Take Right Now to Advance Your Career.

### **KEEP POSITIVE**

- Develop a routine
- Exercise
- Connect with others
- Focus on Physical and Mental Health
   & Build Healthy Habits

#### **RESOURCE**

Free course: The Science of Wellbeing (Coursera)
Cooking, Reading, Exercise resources (CNN.com) (Tasty Videos)
Yoga (doyogawithme.com)
Learning New Skills Online (Skillshare.com)

### **BE FLEXIBLE**

- Employers are still figuring it out
- Offers may take longer
- Be patient and demonstrate interest

Chattanooga State Career Services is here to assist you with your job search. Alumni may continue to use our services.

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