The career paths for postgraduates vary, depending on the type of degree you obtained and your own interest. And for some professions, a postgraduate qualification gives you the entry ticket. Below are some tips for different career fields you may be interested in:

Education Field

Tertiary education
To teach in a higher education institute, you will be required to obtain at least a master’s degree, and a doctorate will give you an edge in getting a lecturing position. Some institutes may even require related experience in the industry before you can be considered for the role.

Non-tertiary education
After gaining more advanced knowledge in your specific field of study, you may like to inspire the children and adolescents, and share with them your knowledge. If you have obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Education, a teaching position is probably what you could look for.

Non-academic/Professional careers
A non-academic career would probably sound interesting for those pursuing a taught postgraduate degree. For professions like solicitor, barrister and medical specialist, a postgraduate qualification would be a prerequisite. After obtaining the qualification, it is the time to move on and become a professional.

Useful Links

Useful websites in your career preparation journeys:
- CPDC Website: http://cpdc.cuhk.edu.hk
- CJ Job Link: https://cpdc.cuhk.edu.hk/student/cjob
- AABB: http://www.aabb.org.hk
- Chinese Language Centre: http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc
- English Language Teaching Unit: http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/eltu
- Independent Learning Centre: http://www.ilt.cuhk.edu.hk

Other useful links: https://cpdc.cuhk.edu.hk/student/career-information

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CAREER SERVICES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS (Taught Programmes)

CAREER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Through a range of career-focused services and programmes, we provide students with comprehensive job market information and insightful advice to help students achieve career aspirations.

Mission
To provide quality services to enhance students’ employability and foster their future career development.

Vision
To be a leading career centre in the region with a team of diverse experts that is agile and responsive to the needs of the students, the industry and the business community.
Career Planning — 5 Essential Steps in your university life

Time is Precious
With a comparatively short study period for most taught programmes, your time is precious and it should be spent wisely. During your time in school, you will have a smoother way for your career, apart from your studies, you ought to understand the local employment market, expectation towards postgraduates, as well as equipping yourself with different skills to prepare for competing in the job market. Below are five stops you can take during your U-life:

I. Familiarize with the Recruitment Cycle
Our U-Life Programme starts usually in September and runs up to April the following year. Most of the renowned multinational corporations and local conglomerates start their annual recruitment season in September. You should keep yourself updated of the latest recruitment news and events organized by the career centre; visit also the Job Information System (JIS) and CSU JobLink frequently to check for new job postings and application deadlines.

II. Join our Career Education Programme
Join our career education programme to get ready for the peak recruitment season. You should learn to prepare for a decent cover letter, résumé and interviews upcoming as early as in September. There are a lot of seminars and cover letter training sessions, mock exams and workshops, and assessment centre training seminars that you could participate.

Besides, seasonal workshops like hair styling, make-up, business etiquette workshops could also help with your personal grooming for gaining a better impression during interviews. Check the career centre’s website and your university’s e-mail. It is regularly to be aware of these activities in the year.

Supporting Employers with their Recruitment Exercise
A range of recruitment talks and relevant events hosted by organisations from various sectors to offer students direct communication opportunities with employers and better understanding of the employers’ expectation, job opportunities and career prospect.

Organizing Summer Internship Programmes
Local and offshore internship opportunities are offered to students of different years and disciplines during the summer. These internship opportunities are available in organisations locally, in major cities in Mainland China, as well as in overseas countries like Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Singapore, South Korea, United Kingdom, USA, etc.

Providing Career Counselling Services and Updated Job Market Information
Individual or small group consultation to students about career exploration and development, advice on further studies, etc.

Co operate a wealth of online resources to keep students abreast of the latest job market information and equip them with essential employment skills.

Other Services
Conduct and report on the Graduate Employment Survey to find out more about the employment status of our graduates. Please visit the website:
http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oea/stat

With the aim of initiating and developing job opportunities for students, Career Planning and Development Centre (CPDC) provides services for both Postgraduates & Undergraduates. Listed below are some general services of this centre, followed by some tips for Postgraduate students’ career planning and the parent clientele.

Organizing Career Guidance and Enrichment Programmes
Organize career guidance programmes, including seminars, job exhibitions, company visits, career mentorship programme and workshops. The programmes are usually hosted by senior executives, seasoned professionals and alumni from various industries.

Providing Students with Job Information
Provide students with full-time, part-time and summer job information through the following websites:
- CSU JobLink
http://joblink.cuhk.edu.hk/index.html

The Joint Institution Job Information System (JISD)
http://www.jiss.org.hk

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III. Research your Interest and Career
Your academic training and previous experiences gained in your undergraduate school life may have already given you an idea of your career preference. Continue to explore your strength throughout your postgraduate studies; research on the career options available by attending career events, e.g. Careers Fair.

IV. Enhance Language Skills
Good English proficiency, both written and spoken, are very important in Hong Kong. There are a lot of resources in the university to help you improve language skills in different aspects. You may join courses by The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) and the Independent Language Centre (ILC) to enhance your English abilities.

For non-local students, picking up Cantonese could also help you integrate with the society and enhance your employability. To learn it systematically, you may join the Cantonese programmes offered by The Chinese Language Centre (CLC).

V. Get the Résumé Ready
Cover letter and résumé are the key marketing communication tools during job hunting. They are the first media which the employers get to know about you, so be sure to state clearly and precisely your experience as well as credentials on the résumé in a decent format.

Visit the career e-learning portal "Careers E-coach" at http://e-coach.cuhk.edu.hk to learn about the dos & don'ts and the presentation methods for writing cover letter and résumé used in different industries, and then you start your journey.