Advancing Career and Education: Foundational Career Competency Development
The two-semester Advancing Career and Education (ACE) Program is a graduation requirement that complements the graduate business student’s academic experience and prepares the student for professional internship placement and the post-graduation job market. Aligned with the Stuart Educational and Professional Development Competency Model, the first semester course (SSB 510) explores topics such as cultural competence, communication skills, ethics, and leadership and teamwork. This course develops students’ workplace readiness in the areas of resume development, relationships and communication, workplace etiquette, presentation skills, and time management. During the second semester, students are provided the option of completing the self-selected Career Competency Experience (SSB 511) or applying to the Industry Solutions Experience (SSB 512).
Lecture: 1 Lab: 0 Credits: 0

SSB 511
Advancing Career and Education: Career Competency Experience
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Prerequisite(s): SSB 510 with min. grade of C
Lecture: 1 Lab: 0 Credits: 0

SSB 512
Advancing Career and Education: Applied Industry Experience
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Prerequisite(s): SSB 510 with min. grade of C
Lecture: 1 Lab: 0 Credits: 0