

## A few pointers for career development in international education

1. Be open to unforeseen directions in your career.
2. Try to specialize in a given field of international education while gaining expertise or a background in several other fields.
3. Make a commitment to your job and an employer that transcends your current boss(es) and colleagues.
4. Give back to your profession; don't just take from it. Mentor others; serve; volunteer.
5. Enjoy your job, but don't let the frustrations consume you. Remain patient for the right opening to move upward; don't burn bridges.
6. Cultivate meaningful professional relationships with people in other departments within your institution and at other institutions.
7. Prepare a strong resume that accentuates, but does not exaggerate, your strengths. Prepare for an interview by thinking about the goals of the employer.
8. Set aside time for yourself and family/friends.
9. Plan for the future beyond your job: psychologically, financially, spiritually, locally and beyond.
10. Listen, listen, listen. Learn and stretch.