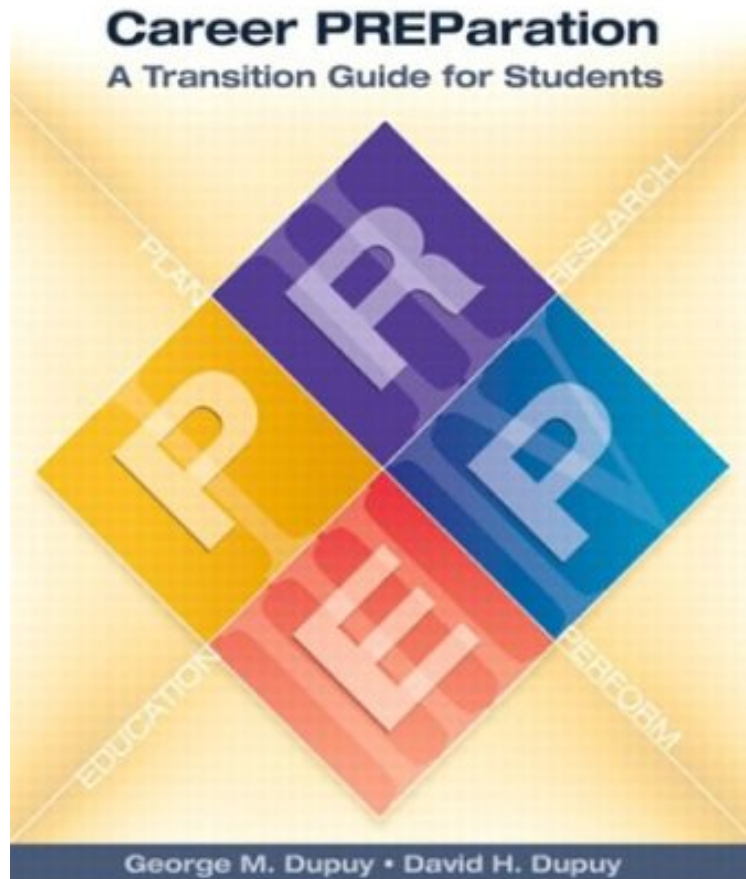


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What differentiates George from most college professors, however, is his extensive business experience outside of academia as vice president for two human resources consulting firms. During his years as a consultant and career coach, George became passionate about career management, and he sees a particular void in educating students on how to transition from school to the world of work. George graduated cum laude from the College of William and Mary, where he majored in sociology. He earned his MBA and Ph.D. degrees from the Kenan Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina. David H. Dupuy began his career in banking at Bank of America (formerly NationsBank) and quickly advanced to vice president in the Healthcare Banking Group. After earning his MBA, David left banking to become a founding owner and CFO of a healthcare company headquartered in Nashville. David is currently president of the Development division of KDA Holdings in Atlanta. Like George, David has a keen interest in career management. After only 12 years of work, David is already in his third career and recognizes the benefit of actively managing one's career. David graduated from Furman University, where he majored in business administration. He earned his MBA from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University, where he graduated with honors. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Career PREParation is designed to assist college students in making the exciting but challenging transition from campus to the world of work. Most colleges have assisted students in transitioning to campus for many years, but the transition from campus has frequently been neglected. Fortunately, many institutions are beginning to recognize and address this oversight; recent research has revealed tremendous growth in transition-from-campus courses and programs (National Resource Center on the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, 2000). Because this movement is in its infancy, there are a wide variety of applications, ranging from for-credit capstone courses (both in the major and interdisciplinary) to non-credit programs offered through campus career centers. Career PREParation has been designed for flexibility so that it can be a resource for any of these variations it provides research and rigor for academic courses, as well as informality and practicality for non-credit programs. The title of the book centers on an acronym, PREP, that helps to make the transition process easier to understand and remember. The text is organized through this acronym into the following four parts: Part One, Plan, is composed of two chapters: Chapter 1 describes the challenging world of work and the need for career planning. Chapter 2 provides planning fundamentals and guidelines. Part Two, Research, walks the reader through internal research in Chapter 3, resulting in a personal profile. Then Chapter 4 guides the reader through researching occupations, industries, and employers. Part Three, Education, assists the reader in making the most of his or her remaining time on campus in Chapter 5, followed by guidance for lifelong learning through graduate programs, training, and development in Chapter 6. Part Four, Perform, begins with advice for finding (Chapter 7) and winning (Chapter 8) a transition job. Then, Chapter 9 provides guidance for getting off to a successful start in that job. Finally, Chapter 10 advises how to apply the PREP principles throughout one's career. 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