

Allison Otto is a seasoned professional with over six years of dedicated experience in higher education, specializing in career coaching and services. Currently serving as the Assistant Director of Badging & Skills at the Career Center of Vanderbilt University, she spearheads the conceptualization and implementation of the groundbreaking badging program, VandyPASS, along with advancing career competency education for the university's diverse student body. In her role, she fosters radical collaboration with various stakeholders within the Career Center and across the broader Vanderbilt community to ensure the program's success and relevance. Allison is particularly enthusiastic about showcasing how she has leveraged engagement data to story tell about student experiences to ultimately drive innovation. Drawing on her extensive expertise, she enjoys staying abreast of emerging trends in the professional skill development space. Committed to her growth, she remains dedicated to continuous learning and improvement, always seeking new ways to enhance her skills and experience to build a more connected and empowered career services community.

Outside of her professional pursuits, she finds joy in spending quality time with her beloved golden retriever, Franklin, participating in a ladies' book club, and staying active through intramural softball and running. As a passionate homeowner, she enjoys tackling projects in her fixer-upper and is also dedicated to expanding her horizons through language learning, currently focusing on mastering Spanish.