UNC Charlotte Bioinformatics and Genomics, was once only an idea, now it is one of the few stand-alone departments in the world. On campus, Computer Science faculty were trying to address genomics questions, without previous training or a biological background. They decided a Bioinformatics center was needed. The interdisciplinary Bioinformatics Research Center began in 2004. At that time, the newly hired, now Chairman, Dr. Larry Mays jump started the program by recruiting PSM Director, Dr. Cynthia Gibas. Since then, 15 additional faculty have been hired, 9 current staff members, and 7 post-docs. The Bioinformatics and Genomics Department officially became a department in October 2010. The department created the standalone Bioinformatics and Computational Biology PhD, Bioinformatics PSM, Bioinformatics Applications and Technology Certificates, Bioinformatics Summer Institute, Early Entry programs, and the Bioinformatics and Genomics Undergraduate Minor. The Bioinformatics and Genomics faculty and students have published over 200 publications, and received $8 million grant funding including an R01 grant. Bioinformatics Faculty teach over 15 bioinformatics courses each semester including the Genomics Biotechnology Laboratory course each semester. To manage the grand efforts of the department, the coordinator must spearhead a number of efforts including: serving as the liaison between the faculty and students, assisting in program and course development, scheduling and staffing of courses, student advising and development, lead outreach and marketing, respond to inquiries from current and potential students, event management, continual cultivation of Advisory Board Members, actively developing and monitoring internship and job progress and placement, and managing assessment data collection and annual reporting, amongst many other activities. The management efforts along with the Chairman’s, the budget Director, and the Department committees, keep the department growing in quantity and quality at a rapid pace. The department’s efforts are evident in our research contributions and 100% placement of our alumni.