**Kelsey Thompson**

**Associate Director, Career and Professional Development Center**

Kelsey Thompson currently serves as the Associate Director of the IUP Career and Professional Development Center. She graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations and a minor in history and from IUP with a Master of Arts degree in student affairs in higher education. Over the last several years, Kelsey has worked in a variety of capacities within higher education, such as career services, student-athlete academic support, and academic advising and first-year experience. Much of her work in her current role at the IUP CPDC has focused on career education and programming efforts to help students understand the skills and experiences they need to make a successful transition from higher education into the professional world of work. She also is the Campus Liaison for The Washington Center.

Kelsey has served and continues to serve in various leadership roles within professional organizations on and off campus. She is the Technology and Candidate Registration Chair for The Western PA Collegiate Career Services Associate (WestPACS) and the President of the Pennsylvania Associate of Colleges and Employers (PennACE), where she also serves on the Programs and Speakers Conference Committee. Kelsey has also been part of the steering committee for the College2Careers Conference and regularly volunteers as a Conduct Board Member for the Office of Student Support and Community Standards at IUP.

In her spare time, Kelsey enjoys running and working out, spending time with friends and family, diving into a good tv series or movie, and eating sour patch kids and drinking coffee – just not together.