

# what employers want from you

Employers seek candidates who have been involved in extracurricular activities and have developed and demonstrated skills.

## The Top 20 Abilities, Skills and Qualities Recruiters Most Want in Candidates

1. Communication skills
2. Teamwork skills
3. Problem-solving
4. Organizational skills
5. Analytical skills
6. Technical skills
7. Computer skills
8. Persuasive skills
9. Strong work ethic/initiative
10. Adaptability
11. Interpersonal skills
12. Detail orientation
13. Self-confidence
14. Leadership skills
15. Tactfulness
16. Friendly
17. Creative
18. Strategic planning skills
19. Entrepreneurial spirit
20. Sense of humor

## Developing Crucial Abilities, Skills and Qualities

	Classes or Training	Student Organizations	Internships	Volunteerism	Team Projects	Working with Others	Part-time Employment	Athletics	Service Learning
Communication	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strong Work Ethic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teamwork	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Initiative	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Analytical	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adaptability	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interpersonal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Problem Solving	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technical	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓