

**Coaches Corner: Crafting Your Path to Career Success-  
Nurturing Essential Skill Building**

Embracing the notion of skill building and lifelong learning can be your secret weapon for continual career growth and achievement. Navigating the pathway to understanding the skills needed for your career success involves a blend of research, networking and self-reflection. Here are 3 steps that you can use to strategically identify skills needed for your future triumphs:

1. Delve into occupational research related to your field of interest. Websites like Job Bank, LinkedIn, or professional organizations offer valuable insights into the skills required for specific roles. Take note of recurring skills in job postings or occupational profiles and prioritize them in your development plan.

2. Networking is paramount. Connect with professionals who are actively engaged in roles you aspire to. Attend industry events, join online communities, and leverage platforms like LinkedIn to initiate conversations and seek guidance. Set up informational interviews with professionals already established in your desired field to gain firsthand knowledge of the skills they use on a daily basis.

3. Reflect on your current skill set and compare it to the skills required for your desired career trajectory. Identifying gaps in your current skill set helps you tailor your skill-building efforts and seek out opportunities effectively.

In summary, strategic skill development entails informed research, meaningful connections and self-awareness. By embracing these principles, you pave the way for continuous growth and future career triumphs.

**TIP: Informal learning opportunities provide valuable avenues for skill development too!! Access webinars, podcasts, blogs, books, forums, online communities and more to develop new skills and enhance your professional knowledge and development.**

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**Skill Building Opportunities for Career Growth**

1. **Formal Education:** Structured learning at schools, colleges, universities, and vocational training centres.
2. **Online Learning Platforms:** Offer flexible, cost-effective options to study at your own pace and convenience.
3. **Professional Development Workshops & Seminars:** Workshops, seminars, and conferences relevant to a specific field.
4. **Industry Certifications:** Pursuing industry-recognized certifications can significantly boost credibility and expertise in a specific domain.
5. **On-the-Job Learning:** Actively seek out opportunities to learn and grow within a current role.
6. **Volunteering:** Develop skills by engaging in tasks and responsibilities outside education or work.
7. **Freelance or Side Projects:** Apply and refine skills in real-world settings while obtaining additional experience and exposure to different industries and challenges.

**Transferable Skills- Build employability soft skills that make you attractive to employers across various industries:**

- Communication Skills
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Problem Solving Skills
- Adaptability & Flexibility
- Time Management & Organization
- Leadership Skills
- Emotional Intelligence
- Initiative & Proactivity
- Interpersonal Skills
- Professionalism & Integrity

**Upcoming Events & Workshops**

**INFO SESSIONS:**

**Conducting an Effective Job Search**

**Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2pm to 4pm**



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