10 THINGS EMPLOYERS WANT YOU TO LEARN IN COLLEGE

(Skills for Any Professional Career)

Establishing a Work Ethic

- Be Honest
- Manage Your Time

Developing Physical Skills

- Stay Well
- Look Good

Communicating Verbally

- Converse One-on-One
- Present to Groups

Communicating in Writing

- Write Well
- Edit and Proof

Working Directly with People

- Build Good Relationships
- Work in Teams
- Teach Others

Influencing People

- Manage Efficiently
- Lead Effectively

Gathering Information

- Search the Web
- Conduct Interviews
- Use Surveys

Using Quantitative Tools

- Use Numbers
- Use Surveys
- Use Spreadsheet Programs

Asking and Answering the Right Questions

- Pay attention to Detail
- Apply Knowledge
- Evaluate Actions and Policies

Solving Problems

- Identify Problems
- Develop Solutions
- Launch Solutions

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