

# Skills for Success

## Teamwork Skills

Employers are looking for candidates who possess skills that prepare them to make immediate contributions. In addition to a solid academic background, employers want you, as a university graduate, to have demonstrated ability in the following skill areas: Communication, Leadership, Teamwork, Technical and Interpersonal. These skills and traits are not exclusive to those who study a particular major, but can be developed by individuals in any major. So start now! Incorporate skill development into your academic experience. Take steps to make your career dreams become career realities.

You can improve teamwork skills in classes and experiences that emphasize group process and include team projects. Here are some ideas:

### Classes

Look for classes that emphasize group dynamics, communication, team projects, service learning, etc.

#### **Examples of course rubrics; this is not an inclusive list.**

- Advertising (ADV)
- Agricultural Education (AGED)
- AHS 365 (Civic Engagement in Wellness)
- Communication (CMN)
- ENG 315 (Learning in Community)
- ENG 333 (Creativity, Innovation, and Vision)
- FAA 291 (Civic Engagement Seminar)
- Recreating Sport and Tourism (RST)
- Theatre (THEA)

#### **Possible Minors and Certificates:**

- Business Minor
- Communication Minor
- Leadership Studies Minor
- Leadership Certificate

### Experiences

- Participate in a musical group or act in a play
- Become part of a committee
- Join student government or residence hall government
- Join a college council
- Serve on a board
- Be part of an intramural team
- Work for a society, club, or group to organize programs, events, conferences and job fairs
- Be a part of a paraprofessional group or presentation team
- Design group projects and/or presentations
- Serve on the executive team in a sorority, fraternity, club, society or organization
- Be part of a group volunteer project
- Participate in debate team or speech team
- Volunteer for a team in a nonprofit organization (fundraising team, programming team)
- Join an editorial or advertising team
- Team tutor
- Become a Resident Advisor
- Serve as a student representative on an advisory committee
- Participate in Illinois Leadership Programs