

Soft Skills Key to Success in SD Postsecondary Education



Time Management

80.5% of postsecondary institutions indicate students lack skills necessary to appropriately manage time.

"There will be many due dates and assignments to manage. Budgeting your time and making sure that assignments are turned in is very important."

Problem Solving

70.1% of postsecondary institutions notice students struggle figuring out what to do when something isn't going well with a course, roommate, etc.

"Talking to your instructors, letting them know when you have a problem before an assignment is due, is much easier than after a deadline is missed."

Communication

66.2% of postsecondary institutions indicate that students don't reach out to faculty/staff when they need assistance.

"Create positive relationships with your classmates and teachers by learning how to communicate effectively in person, via email and the phone."

Organization

66.2% of postsecondary institutions notice students lack preparation in order to meet deadlines within courses.

"Your hand is not held in the real world. Learning to organize yourself and stay on task is crucial."

Perseverance

57.1% of postsecondary institutions responded that students had a hard time recovering from failing a test.

"When things get difficult, persist! Don't quit. Ask for help!"



TEAM WORK

Top soft skill postsecondary institutions notice that students sufficiently display.



Soft Skills Students Lack Most by Institution Type

Cosmetology Institutions
 - Time Management
 Technical Colleges
 - Time Management

Private Colleges and Universities
 - Communication, Perseverance,
 Problem Solving, &
 Time Management

Public Universities
 - Communication

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