



Academic & Employability Skills

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Alison Doyle (2020) Employability skills are the essential skills and traits that an individual must develop in order to be able to work efficiently in a working environment

“Academic skills are the abilities, strategies and habits that can help learners succeed in an academic setting” (Indeed, 2021)



Intended Career: Architecture

The career that I intend to do is Architecture. Architecture is a field that is very diverse in terms of skills that are needed to prosper. According to Medium, "Architecture is the art and science of designing buildings and other physical structures"(2018)

Some of the responsibilities that come with Architecture are; researching, planning, design, construction detailing etc (Hiring Monster, n.d.)



Skills Needed For Architecture

For architecture, there are many skills needed. The skills that I will be talking about in this presentation will be;

- Research Skills (Information Gathering)
- Critical Analysis Skills
- Writing Skills
- Time Management Skills

I will talk about the skills that I currently have and the skills that I need to develop



Research Skills (Information Gathering)

Researching is a critical skill needed for architects because it gives a range of perspectives and insights for an architect

This includes understanding the needs of clients, evaluating project context, understand the area where they are building, as well as assess the characteristics and components of the materials (RIBA Architecture, n.d.)

This is a skill that I need to develop. I will further enhance this skill by using more source materials to find out information



Critical Analysis Skills

I believe that critical analysis is an essential skill to have in any workplace and in life in general

In the words of Nick Axel (2016) “Critical thinking allows architects to understand who we build for and why we’re building in the first place”

Critical analysis is the ability to look at issues more skeptically and looking at things closer (Cohen, 2015, p.9)

This is a skill that I already have and will continue to improve on as I get older



Writing Skills

Writing is important for numerous reasons. Alan Berman (2013) gave a couple of reasons; makes communication successful, encourages the exploration and expression of ideas, helps to critically analyse, etc.

My writing skills at the moment are very clear but informal. I would like to improve them so that I can allow the team around me to see the vision of the building by just reading the instructions



Time Management Skills

Time management is an important skill to have within any industry

Mark Pettit (2020) states the importance of time management. It helps increase your focus, limits your distractions., allows you to prioritise better and plan better.

Time management is a skill that I do not have since I sometimes overlap a lot of things and also start things off late, making things look rushed



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Communication
- Analytical

Weaknesses

- Research
- Writing
- Time Management

Opportunities

- Visionary
- Good team

Threats

- Uninformed
- Unprofessional
- Unorganised
- Tasks Overlapping



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