

Professional and Career development

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TASK 1 How can universities drive the development of critical skills among students?

One of the most continual topics of speech is the skills that will be looked at by the employer in the future time and how universities can drive the development in these skills among students. According to my opinion in this fast era of technology, things are moving very fast and there is a tendency for more shifting in the coming decade. I have various kinds of self-managing skills like flexibility in performing any task that is assigned to me, active learning, and problem-solving skills which assisted me in achieving growth and preparing me for the future role. I have both digital and critical skills which help me develop innovative ideas for conducting business activities thus enhancing overall business growth (Changwong et. al., 2018). Digital skills play an important role as in the present and future time all aspects will be based on digital technique with the use of Artificial intelligence and social media gadgets. Technology is rapidly changing the globe of work beyond identification and has developed various new opportunities across the globe.

I have identified the five main skills that are essential for employability including critical thinking, coordination with people, problem-solving skills, negotiation and people management skills. A brief description of these skills are evaluated below, as well as how universities can drive the development of critical skills among students.

1. Critical thinking: According to my opinion critical thinking develops the ability to think in different aspects. It helps in analyzing the issues from a new angle and it results in developing novel and innovative solutions for the problems which have arisen. I have analyzed the necessity for critical thinking as the brain has the power to naturally fall towards the shortcuts (Knies and Leisink, 2018). As the information about some aspects are analyzed a person develops the ability to use the information again and this is reflected as the method of learning new things.
2. Coordinating with other people: My opinion about this skill is coordination helps in achieving good results and enhancing overall business productivity. I have this skill and it helps me to work in a positive environment where every person is always ready to help in a difficult time, develops the ability to execute work more rapidly, and reduces the chances of any setbacks.

3. Negotiation: According to my views it is a vital skill that helps in reducing difference at the workplace by developing effective team building and working in team spirit for achieving the set business goals of the firm. I possess this skill which helped me to contribute towards gaining success for business, delivering quality solutions for any problem which arises at the workplace.
4. Active learning: My views about creative learning result in developing problem-solving and critical thinking skill which is needed by the employer in the future phase. I have this skill and it assist me to come out of my comfort zone and exploring new ideas for work which resulted in overall growth (Changwong et. al., 2018).
5. People Management: It is one of the most significant soft leadership skills I possess and it results in developing a key factor for the success of project chain management. It is mainly linked to managing people in the work area concerning making them available everything which is required by them for effective handling of business activity.

In conclusion critical thinking is best taught in content - rich environment. Students need to be included in the subject matter and given opportunities to develop content - specific critical thinking skills.

Universities need to design various strategies to help their students acquire the specific critical thinking skills associated with each subject.

“Your teachers in high school won’t expect you to remember every little fact about U.S. history. They can fill in the details you’ve forgotten. What they will expect, though, is for you to be able to think; to know how to make connections between ideas and evaluate information critically.”

(Patterson, 2022)

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