

Academic And Employability Skills

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Introduction

- reflection on my current academic and employability skills towards **academic and employability skills** which is necessary for my future workplace
- My **SWOT**
- My **PDP**



Name of the
workplace: **Independent
Social Worker** (indeed)

Skills needed for career according to the
vacancy:

- empathy
- communication skills,
both: verbal and nonverbal
- critical thinking
- active listening
- cultural competence



Experience is needed
for the vacancy :

- minimum 2 years post qualifying experience in children's social care
- completed 3 age assessments successfully previously or completed the training
- Diploma in Social Work or equivalent qualification
- Registration with Social Work England



Skills which I have on some level are:

empathy (Very well mind)
critical thinking (Skills you need)
active listening (The balance careers)
cultural competence (Preemptive love)

Skills on which I need to work on:

communication - verbal (Help guide)
- non-verbal



SWOT analysis(Mind tools):

Strenghts:

- passion for children
- opportunity to be total focus on job
- previous work experience (transferable skills)

Weaknesses:

- communication skills
- professional skill language barrier
- all experience company asking

Opportunities: - learn new skills in university
-improve academic English

Threats: - Brexit
- settle status

PDP: - get Certificate of Higher Education
- start working in children's social care field (get experience)
- continue study for diploma in Social Work
- register with Social Work England

Conclusion:

During this reflection on my academic and employability skills I realised that, most of all, I need to work on my communication skills:

- verbal (improve my Academic English language)
- non-verbal (learn and practice how to writing reports)
- I need to continue to be educated

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