











General Resume Guidelines

YOUR RÉSUMÉ MAY TAKE HOURS TO PREPARE

Give yourself time to write and rewrite; then have your résumé critiqued by a mentor, friend, trusted advisor, or email it to a career consultant in the Career Development Center.

A ONE-PAGE RÉSUMÉ IS SUFFICIENT FOR MOST STUDENTS

Your résumé does not have to list every position you've held or every activity in which you've been involved. If you have a lot of experiences, only include what is relevant to the position for which you are applying.

AVOID TEMPLATES/WIZARDS

Résumé templates or wizards may seem helpful, but it can be very hard to make changes or move things around when using one. It is important to customize your résumé to best represent your strengths. We recommend using a blank Word document that will give you the flexibility you need.

CUSTOM DESIGN YOUR RÉSUMÉ FOR EACH POSITION

You should change your objective/summary with each position for which you apply, and if necessary, change the content and/or the format so that it best compliments each specific position.

CATCH THE READER'S EYE

Readers prefer statements that begin with bullets, bold print, and indentions to guide their eyes quickly to the main points. Stick to one font so that your résumé doesn't look cluttered and organize the information so that it is visually appealing and easy to follow.

ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Your résumé is the first impression most employers will have of you, and how well you write indicates what type of employee you might be. Highlight accomplishments, not mere duties. Don't just list what you did; show how you contributed to the organization. Quantify your statements with numbers, statistics, and percentages when possible.

USE ACTION VERBS

Most of the résumé is devoted to accomplishment statements. These statements should begin with action verbs (e.g., created, delegated, developed) because they are more engaging than passive verbs (e.g., took, had). For activities you are currently engaged in, use present tense verbs (e.g., supervise, develop, implement). For past activities, use past tense verbs (e.g., supervised, developed, implemented).

DO NOT INCLUDE

Do not include religion, race, gender, marital status, height/weight, birthplace, date of birth, or a photograph. High school information should only be included if you are applying for an internship and/or it is relevant.

HELPFUL TIPS!

- Be consistent with fonts, dates, margins, and tabs.
- Use a professional email address.
- Be brief and succinct in your descriptions.
- Use an easy to read font (10 to 14 pt. font).
- Name should be the only text bigger than 10 14 pt. font (up to 18 or 20 pt. font size is sufficient).
- Do not go overboard with bold, underline, and italics.
- Spell things out (followed by its acronym in parentheses).
- Remember to write to the reader What is important to them? What are they interested in? Use the job description.
- A GPA of 3.0 and above is considered competitive and can be listed. A GPA below 3.0 should never be listed, unless specifically asked for by the entity/company to which you are applying.
- Once you're finished writing your résumé, put it away for a day; then PROOFREAD it again!













Resume Section Headers

Start with your name at the top of your résumé, including your contact information (e.g. phone number, email address).

Next, you will need to decide which section headers are best to showcase your strengths and are consistent with the position to which you are applying. In most cases, you will have a section for *Education* and a section for *Work Experience*. If you are applying for a technical position, it may be important to include a section for *Technical Skills*. In other cases, *Community Service* or *Campus Involvement* may be significant enough to warrant a section. Keep in mind, you don't want to have too many sections; four to five are usually sufficient.

Under most section headers, information is organized in reverse chronological order (most recent information should be provided first). For example, under the *Experience* section header your current or most recent job is listed first, then your prior position, and so on. But, for some section headers, such as *Computer Skills* or *Objective*, chronological order is irrelevant.

Common Resume Section Headers

Objective or...

Accomplishments
Areas of Expertise
Career Profile
Focus
Highlights of Qualifications
Key Skills
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities
Significant Accomplishments
Personal Attributes
Professional Objective
Professional Overview
Profile
Related Skills
Relevant Skills

Computer Skills or...

Core Competencies

Summary of Qualifications

Computer
Hardware/Software
Technical Skills
Technology Skills

Education

Summary

Related Coursework or... Coursework Relevant Coursework

Selected Courses

Certifications or...

Additional Training Licenses Professional Development Seminars Special Training Workshops

Leadership Experience or...

Campus Leadership Leadership Roles Supervision Management

Work Experience or...

Employment History
Experience
Professional Experience
Related Experience
Relevant Experience

Volunteer Experience or...

Campus Activities
Campus Involvement
Community Involvement
Community Service
Extracurricular Activities
Related Activities

Clubs/Organizations or...

Affiliations
Memberships
Professional Affiliations
Professional Associations
Professional Organizations
Scientific Societies

Honors and Awards or...

Awards
Honors
Honors and Activities
Honors, Awards & Scholarships
Scholarships
Selected Awards
Selected Honors

Additional Section Headers...

Accreditations
Achievements
Communications Experience
Laboratory Experience
Presentations
Publications
Research Experience
Research Interests
Sales Experience
Special Skills
Teaching Experience













Top Attributes Employers Seek on a Candidate's Resume

Attribute

% of Respondents

Problem-solving skills	91.2%
Ability to work in a team	86.3%
Strong work ethic	80.4%
Analytical/quantitative skills	79.4%
Communication skills (written)	77.5%
Leadership	72.5%
Communication skills (verbal)	69.6%
Initiative	69.6%
Detail-oriented	67.6%
Technical skills	65.7%
Flexibility/adaptability	62.7%
Interpersonal skills (relates well to others)	62.7%
Computer skills	54.9%
Organizational ability	47.1%
Strategic planning skills	45.1%
Friendly/outgoing personality	29.4%
Entrepreneurial skills/risk-taker	24.5%
Tactfulness	24.5%
Creativity	23.5%
Fluency in a foreign language	2.9%

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers: Job Outlook 2020













Action Verbs

Action verbs are used to compose concise, persuasive, reader-centered accomplishment statements on your résumé. Below are examples of some commonly used action verbs, but there are many others. All of the verbs here are stated in the past tense and should be used to refer to past activities. For activities you are currently engaged in, you can use the present tense of the same verbs (e.g., approve, arrange, catalogue, categorize). The verbs below are grouped according to skill set.

CLERICAL/DETAIL	Collaborated	Verbalized	Analyzed
Approved	Conferred	Wrote	Appraised
Arranged	Consulted		Audited
Catalogued	Convinced	CREATIVE	Balanced
Categorized	Cooperated	Abstracted	Budgeted
Classified	Coordinated	Acted	Calculated
Collected	Corresponded	Adapted	Computed
Compiled	Counseled	Composed	Developed
Dispatched	Debated	Conceptualized	Estimated
Documented	Defined	Created	Figured
Executed	Developed	Customized	Forecasted
Generated	Directed	Designed	Maintained
Implemented	Drafted	Developed	Managed
Inspected	Edited	Directed	Marketed
Monitored	Enlisted	Established	Planned
Operated	Explained	Fashioned	Prepared
Organized	Expressed	Founded	Projected
Outlined	Formulated	Generated	Researched
Prepared	Influenced	Illustrated	Tracked
Prioritized	Informed	Imagined	
Processed	Inspired	Improvised	HELPING
Purchased	Interpreted	Initiated	Advised
Recorded	Interviewed	Innovated	Advocated
Resolved	Lectured	Instituted	Aided
Restored	Mediated	Integrated	Assessed
Retrieved	Moderated	Introduced	Assisted
Revised	Motivated	Invented	Assured
Screened	Negotiated	Originated	Attended
Systematized	Participated	Performed	Cared
Tabulated	Persuaded	Planned	Comforted
Transformed	Presented	Problem solved	Coordinated
Validated	Promoted	Restructured	Counseled
	Publicized	Revamped	Demonstrated
COMMUNICATION	Reconciled	Revitalized	Diagnosed
Addressed	Recruited	Shaped	Educated
Appraised	Represented	Synthesized	Empathized
Arbitrated	Spoke	Visualized	Expedited
Arranged	Suggested		Facilitated
Articulated	Summarized	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	Familiarized
Authored	Translated	Administered	Furnished
Clarified	Unified	Allocated	Furthered













Experience Investigated

Persuaded Set goals Supplied Supported Stimulated Stressed Trained Tutored

DIVISION OF STUDENT	AFFA
Guided	
Improved	
Insured	
Intervened	
Mentored	
Motivated	
Provided	
Referred	
Rehabilitated	
Related	
Represented	
Served	

Explore Planned Prioritized Produced Recommended Reconciled Regulated Reported Reviewed Scheduled Strengthened Supervised Yielded

Monitored
Observed
Organized
Reviewed
Summarized
Surveyed
Systematized
Tested
Utilized
Validated
Verified

Taught **TECHNICAL** Adapted

TEACHING Adapted Clarified Coached Communicated Coordinated Developed Elicited Emphasized Enabled Encompassed Encouraged **Enforced** Enhanced Enlightened Evaluated Explained Facilitated Fostered Guided Individualized Informed Initiated Instructed Interacted Involved Lectured Motivated

Adapted
Applied
Assembled
Built
Calculated
Computed
Constructed
Converted
Debugged
Designed
Devised
Engineered
Expanded
Fabricated
Installed
Maintained
Modified
Operated
Overhauled
Programmed
Rectified
Remodeled
Repaired
Simulated
Solved
Trained
Upgraded

MANAGEMENT

Volunteered

Achieved Administered Analyzed Assigned Attained Chaired Consolidated Consulted Contracted Controlled Coordinated Decided Delegated Developed Directed Established Evaluated Executed Implemented Improved Increased Initiated Maximized Negotiated Organized

Oversaw

RESEARCH Acquired Adjusted Analyzed Ascertained Calculated Cataloged Charted Clarified Coded Collected Computed Conducted Correlated Diagnosed Discovered Dissected Evaluated Examined Experimented Explored Extracted Extrapolated Gathered Identified Inspected Interpreted Interviewed













Transferable Skills

As you begin your job search, it is important to know what you are good at and what you enjoy doing. Over the years, you will develop many skills from coursework, extracurricular activities, internships, jobs, and your total life experiences. Whether learning the value of teamwork by playing sports, developing editing skills working on your high school newspaper, or developing presentation skills while completing your college courses, each of your experiences has laid the groundwork for building transferable skills. Transferable skills are "portable skills" that you take with you from one experience to the next until you have built a collection of skills in which an employer will be interested. Transferable skills, incorporated on your résumé and discussed in your interviews, provide an employer concrete evidence of your qualifications for a position. The ability to identify your transferable skills and communicate them to potential employers will greatly increase your success during the job search. Below are examples of skills you may use to help you identify and develop your own transferable skills.

Helpful Tips!

- Make a list of every job you have held, a list of courses you have completed, and activities you have been involved in. Write down the skills you acquired from your experiences.
- Use a potential job description that interests you to help you identify the skills employers are seeking.
- Attend job fairs and employer events to learn about the skills valued by companies and industries.

<u>Critical Thinking / Problem Solving</u>

- Design an experiment, plan, or model that systematically defines a problem.
- Use and identify a variety of sources for information appropriate to special needs or problems.
- Formulate questions relevant to clarifying a problem, topic, or issue and define the parameters of a problem.
- Quickly and accurately identify critical issues when decision making or solving a problem.
- Identify and analyze general principles that explain interrelated events, ideas, and experiences of factual data from several perspectives.
- Identify reasonable criteria for assessing the value or appropriateness of an action or behavior and applicability to strategies and action plans.
- Adapt one's concepts and behavior to changing conventions and norms.
- Create innovative solutions to complex problems.

Oral / Written Communication

- Listen with objectivity and be able to paraphrase the content of a message.
- Use various mediums and styles of communication to present ideas imaginatively.
- Speak effectively to individuals and groups.
- Express one's needs, wants, opinions and preferences without offending the sensitivities of others.
- Identify and communicate value judgments effectively.

Technical Application

- Select and use appropriate technology to accomplish a given task.
- Apply computing skills to solve problems by sorting data and objects; compiling and ranking information; and synthesize facts, concepts, and principles.

Career Development & Management

- Analyze and learn from life experiences and develop personal growth goals that are motivating.
- Relate the skills developed in one environment (school) to the requirements of another environment (work).
- Match knowledge about one's own characteristics and abilities to information about job or career opportunities.













- Identify, describe, and assess the relative importance of one's needs, values, interest, strengths, and weaknesses.
- Identify and articulate skillsets acquired through formal education and general life experiences and be able to market one's self to prospective employers.
- Learn from constructive criticism; be willing to take risks; and accept consequences for one's actions.

Teamwork & Collaboration

- Build collaborative relationships with colleagues, customers, peers, superiors, and subordinates representing diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, religions, lifestyles, and viewpoints.
- Interact effectively by demonstrating effective social behavior in a variety of settings and under different circumstances.
- Actively cooperate in meetings, participate in discussions, and support overall goals.
- Understand the feelings of others and express one's own feelings appropriately.
- Use appropriate techniques to persuade others.
- Assist in keeping a group moving toward the achievement of a goal.
- Teach a skill, concept, or principle to others.
- Analyze behavior of self and others in group situations.

Professionalism & Work Ethic

- Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits (e.g. punctuality, time management, working productively with others).
- Understand the importance of a professional work image.
- Demonstrate integrity and ethical behavior, acts responsibly with the interests of the community in mind, and can learn from his/her mistakes.
- Use social media responsibly.

Leadership

- Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals.
- Use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.
- Organize people, prioritize projects, and delegate responsibility for successful completion of tasks.
- Assess and manage your emotions by using empathetic skills to guide and motivate.
- Define and clarify roles, objectives, and processes.

Global Perspective

- Value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.
- Demonstrates openness, inclusiveness, sensitivity, and the ability to interact respectfully with all people and understand individual differences.
- Understand one's own biases and use that awareness to work to eliminate them.













Accomplishment Statements

WHAT IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT STATEMENT?

An accomplishment statement on your résumé is meant to demonstrate your relevant skills and accomplishments through previous experiences. Rather than emphasizing the tasks performed in a role, accomplishment statements will show how you can make a positive contribution.

FORMULA FOR WRITING A STRONG ACCOMPLISHMENT STATEMENT

ACTION VERB + WHAT YOU DID (TASK) + RESULT (quantifiable when possible)

EXAMPLE:

Developed a new customer service plan, which resulted in a 15% increase in repeat business.

EXERCISE:

BEFORE: TASK

- List some of your past job titles, student leadership positions held, volunteer experiences, or significant academic projects
- 2. Write the duties and tasks associated with each of these experiences
- 3. Think of the skills/accomplishments associated with these tasks
- 4. Write an accomplishment statement! Don't forget to start with an action verb (See action verb handout for suggestions)

Supervised staff	Trained and supervised two employees in compliance with policies and procedures
Followed up with customers	Communicated with customers to discuss new products and services during routine follow-up calls, resulting in a 25% increase in upselling
Operated cash-register	Managed cash and credit transactions and balanced register at the end of each shift with consistent accuracy
	NOW YOU TRY!
EXPERIENCE:	
TASK:	ACCOMPLISHMENT STATEMENT:

AFTER: ACCOMPLISHMENT STATEMENT













Basic Resume Template

NAME

Phone Number | Email | URL to your LinkedIn Profile (if you have a strong online profile) or professional website/portfolio (if applicable)

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Margins should be half an inch (0.5) or three-quarters on an inch (0.75) or one inch (1.0) on all four sides.
- Font size of résumé content should be anywhere between 10 and 14 pt. dependent upon font used.
- Use traditional fonts and bullet points.
- The summary should grab the reader's attention and should include 5 to 7 accomplishments.
- Use action verbs throughout your résumé.

(ex: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology)

• Omit all uses of pronouns, including "me", "my," or "I"; also, the use of "an", "the", and "a".

EDUCATION

Current Degree and Major

Month Year (anticipated date/completion date)

(ex: Anticipated: Dec. 2020)

(Spell this out; do not use abbreviations an employer will not understand)

Name of Institution, City, State Include GPA if 3.0 or better

(Do not include schools from which you did not obtain a degree)

EXPERIENCE

Current or Most Recent Job Title Company Name, City, State

Month Year-Month Year

- Each résumé sections should be reverse chronological order (most recent first).
- Target/tailor your résumé content for each specific opportunity to which you apply.
- List relevant accomplishments within your job duties. Do not just list job duties and tasks.
- Use accomplishment statements to format your job duties. 3-5 statements is sufficient for each experience.
- Use transferable skills and action verbs to show what you accomplished and how it is of benefit to an employer.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Keep your résumé to one (1) page. The only exception is a curriculum vitae (CV) and/or someone with well over 7+ years of experience in their field/industry.
- School and Professional Memberships—Position held, Year-Year.
- Awards, Certifications, Publications, Scholarships, etc.
- Don't be vague! State specific examples of things you have done.

ADDITIONAL RÉSUMÉ SECTIONS

- Do not list high school content if you are classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior; unless it is relevant to your field/industry.
- You can list relevant coursework as a résumé section, but do not list every course completed.
- You can include any of the following sections: Technology | Projects | Volunteer Experience |
 Honors/Awards/Scholarships | Clubs/Organizations/Professional Membership, etc.
- A Relevant Projects section is a great way to show how you can apply your educational knowledge, skills, and abilities to an employer.













No Experience Resume

ART N. SCIENCE

Phone: 817-123-4567 | artnscience@mays.uta.edu | Arlington, TX | LinkedIn link

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Systems University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

May 20XX GPA: 3.0

RELEVANT COURSES

- Financial Accounting
- Management of Organizations
- International Business
- Decision Support Systems
- Computer Network Architecture
- Programming Business Applications

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access)
- Programming Languages: C++, PHP, XML
- Competent with Accounting and Financial Management

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Fall 20XX

Mission Arlington, Arlington, TX

- Assisted with organizing monthly newsletter to provide a consistent and reader-friendly document
- Facilitated 20XX Mission Arlington Annual Fundraiser which generated 25% more donations than previous two years combined
- Answered telephones and customers questions to maintain a positive customer service experience

CAMPUS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Delta Sigma Pi, member
- International Business Society, member
- Business Professionals of America (BPA), member

AWARDS/HONORS

Dean's List (20XX—20XX)

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Chronological Resume

JANE DOE

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Top-notch administrator with more than 5 years of experience in finance.
- M.B.A. with extensive training in seminars for working professionals.
- Outstanding productivity both as a loan officer and as a supervisor.
- Unique combination of expertise in mortgage banking, training, sales, and finance.
- Dynamic leader and team builder, consistently motivating others toward success.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

May 20XX

Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

May 20XX

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mortgage Madness, Pleasant Hill CA

Month 20XX—Present

Director of Sales and Training

- Manage eight loan officers, with responsibility for \$288 million in production, plus full responsibility for all training.
- Design and lead seven monthly training sessions, including broker education and product knowledge seminars, sales strategy and training.
- Report directly to the president of the company.

Dale Carnegie, Inc., San Rafael CA

Month 20XX- Present

Dale Carnegie Instructor

- Train top-level managers of Fortune 500 companies to provide a foundation for great leaders.
- Named "Bay Area Instructor of the Year" in 20XX.
- Consistently reach 93 percent figure for students graduating.

Maudlin Mortgage, Rustic City CA

Month 20XX - Month 20XX

Loan Officer

- Developed expertise in all areas of residential financing, including builder business, portfolio loans, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac investor loans.
- Top producing loan officer for Maudlin in 20XX.
- Built a large client base by successfully implementing relationship selling.













Combination Resume

B. A. MAVERICK

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Over 5 years of experience working with youth ages 3-11
- Ability to effectively communicate with parents, staff, and supervisors
- Proven classroom management skills
- Dedicated, energetic, and dependable professional

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, EC-6 Generalist with Bilingual Delivery University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX GPA 3.4 Expected May 2015

May 2015 to Present

RELEVANT COURSE WORK

Educational Psychology Early Childhood Environments Spanish I-IV Language and Society Child Development Multicultural-Bilingual Education

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Residency, (Pre-Kindergarten Classes)

D.B. White Elementary, Learning, TX

- Develop daily lesson and unit plans to create a positive learning experience for students
 Instruct diverse student population including ESL students
- Participate in district curriculum alignment
- Assist with after-school tutoring program

Internship, (Professional Development Classes)

Duff Elementary School, Arlington, TX

- Taught beginning reading to group of 6 students
- Developed learning stations in reading and science
- Worked closely with 3 special needs students

Coordinator/Teacher

August 2010- June 2012

May 2012-August 2014

ABC Child Care Center, Arlington, TX

- Oversaw 8 staff and 6 age appropriate learning areas
- Wrote and designed monthly newsletter for parents

WORK HISTORY

Sales Associate, CVS, Arlington, TX **Barista**, Starbucks, Arlington, TX **Host**, Olive Garden, Mansfield, TX

October 2007-Juy 2010 March 2006-September 2007 April 2004-February 2006

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Engineering / Computer Science Resume

NAME

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- These bullets would reflect your more important skills as they relate to the job description
- Advertise your knowledge, skills and abilities in your field/industry
- Be specific. Target your summary to match the position
- Use standard round or square bullets (do not use arrows, checkmarks, stars, etc.)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C++, Java, C, ASP.NET, SQL Applications: MS Visual Studio, Eclipse **Application Server:** JBoss, Tomcat Operating Systems: Windows, Unix, Linux Database Applications: SQL Server, MySQL Certifications: CCNA, Unicenter Certified Engineer

More Technical Skills to Potentially Highlight:

- Hardware
- Networking/Protocols
- Additional programming languages
- *Microprocessors*
- All other relevant tools

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX
Master of Science in
Thesis: "Title of Thesis" (if applicable)
Bachelor of Science in

May 20XX

December 20XX

RELEVANT PROJECTS

UTA Emergency Alert

Developed website for university and college students utilizing PHP/MySQL; iPhone app communicating with JSON protocol; site with full login / registration system, user profile, admin side, and caller dispatch for emergency calls.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sunny Software Inc., Sunny, CA

Spring and Summer 20XX

- **Software Engineer Co-Op**
 - Developer on the Sunny Software Engine Team
 - Worked on new functionality in the 7.0 release of the Sunny Software Dynamic Sourcing Engine
 - Developed in C++ in Unix and Windows Visual Studio
 - Also worked on a solo project to add multithreaded capabilities to Sunny Software's engines

MEMBERSHIPS/ACTIVITIES

- Only relevant memberships/activities (i.e. IEEE, American Civil Engineering, NSBE)
- Other community/campus-based volunteer experiences are can be included