Three jobs that I want immediately after graduating from ISU.

* IT Consultant

Information technology consultants advise, plan, design and install information technology systems for their clients.

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobs/jobdetails.aspx?sc_cmp1=js_jrp_jobclick&APath=2.21.0.0.0&job_did=JHM1HY6QKG9NNXH9PRW&showNewJDP=yes&IPath=JRKV0Q>

* System analyst

Systems analysts are responsible for the complete life-cycle of a new/modified IT system, from analyzing existing arrangements to implementing systems and providing training.

<http://www.jobs.net/jobs/teksystems/en-us/job/United-States/Systems-Analyst/J3J2N961236XVCJSTD4/>

* Information system manager

Information systems manager is responsible for the secure and effective operation of all computer systems, related applications, hardware and software that is used within a wide range of public and private sector organizations.

<http://jobview.monster.com/Information-Systems-Manager-Job-Christine-TX-US-138134173.aspx>

Three jobs that I want 5-8 years after graduating from ISU.

* Chief Executive Officer

CEO is responsible for developing and implementing high-level strategies, making major corporate decisions, managing the overall operations and resources of a company, and acting as the main point of communication between the board of directors and the corporate operations

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobs/jobdetails.aspx?sc_cmp1=js_jrp_jobclick&APath=2.21.0.0.0&job_did=JHS46Z6BCR8661J8F2Z&showNewJDP=yes&IPath=JRKV0A>

* Entrepreneur

Entrepreneur is an individual who notices opportunities and decides how to mobilize the resources necessary to produce new and improved goods and services.

* IT researcher

IT researchers plan, design, manage IT research projects and present it to others, either in a written report or oral presentation.

[http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/jobs/fulltime/researcher.aspx#researcher](http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/jobs/fulltime/researcher.aspx%23researcher)

Career is one of the main critical points in my life owing it will determine most of my social and personal life. Today we are living a competitive society, therefore in order to be successful in a profession, there are ample of qualifications and skills need to be acquired. Those skills and knowledge can be divided into main two categories namely: hard skills and soft skills. Moreover, hard skills such as computer programming, machine operation, which are teachable abilities or skill sets that are easy to quantify. Conversely, soft skills/ interpersonal skill are the skills which are related to the way individual relate to and interact with other people, namely: communication, flexibility, motivation, time management and so forth. These sets of skills are varied to industry to industry and the vocation to vocation.

As a candidate for an IT professional I need to learn and mastering in a most vital set of skills known as soft skills. Since I am anticipating jobs that I do immediately after my graduation are system analyst, IT consultant, or information system manager. These vocations require some common set of soft skills such as: analytical skill, good problem solving, time management, interpersonal and communication skill, team working, management and leadership are some critical skills which are required. In addition to above mention soft skills I need to mug up technical and business, managerial skills as a part of hard skills.

Analytical skill and problem solving abilities, I have already gained from my studies and further brush up those skills I can do more readings and researches relating to IT and business industry in order to be updated regarding current issues, opportunities and changes in furtherance of preparing myself to face the challenges. Time management, interpersonal and communication skill, team work, management and leadership can be improved by engaging in sports, volunteer and extra- curricular activities. Furthermore, I need to improve my oral and writing skills as well for that I will take some courses in English Language Institute (ELI). Besides this, I will listen to many speeches, read books and magazines and so forth. Technical knowledge and business knowledge are playing a vital part in my carrier, unless like other professions IT and business are rapid changing subjects. Therefore, to face these challenges I have to actively participate for IT major classes specially databases and programming classes and also attending to conferences and follow additional tutorials, workshops, events which are related to business and IT. Also, do internships as much as possible which are helpful to gain more industrial experience. If I gain above mentioned skills I am sure I can be successful in a job that I want immediately after graduating from ISU.

However, 5-8 years after my graduation I would prefer to be a Chief Executive officer (CEO), Entrepreneur, or an IT researcher. When I will come to this stage I am mature in different aspect of the life and also I will gain most of the soft skills as well as hard skills at that time. Therefore, it is easy to step into above mentioned career fields. The only requirement to be successful in above mentioned career streams are the experience and it will be gradually gained. I think the most important factor is to be a good CEO, entrepreneur or an IT researcher is how to make contact or deal with top management and the competitors. This also a part of a soft skill and I assume this can be learn with experience. Apart from this I am planning to do a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Science in Information Systems as well as a PhD in computer Science. This qualifications are further broad my career perspective and will give me a broad image of the industry not only the local but also in international as well. This will help me to step out from local market and step into global industry or the market. These qualifications and skill will aid me to be a successful Chief Executive officer (CEO), Entrepreneur, or an IT researcher.