

# **Employability**

Catalogue Number	3097-0000
Category	Employability
Duration	15 Hours

# **Activity 1: Time-Management Techniques**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Importance of Time Management

The Pickle-Jar Analogy

Activities: The Pickle-Jar Analogy

Benefits of Time Management

Activities: Benefits of Time Management

**Time Preferences** 

Time Wasters

**Identifying Time-Wasters** 

Activities: Identifying Time-Wasters

Developing a Time-Management Plan

Activities: Developing a Time-Management Plan

Using a Planner

Activities: Using a Planner

**Additional Activities** 

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Time-Management Techniques

Group Activity: Identifying Time-Wasters

Group Activity: Generalize Your Plan – Weekend



# **Activity 2: Personal Qualities Desirable for the Workplace**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Desirable Personal Qualities for the Workplace

Your Personal Qualities

Personal Qualities and Professions

Additional Resources

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: List Personal Qualities

Group Activity: Guest Lecture

### **Activity 3: Interpersonal Communication**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

The Importance of Communication

**Giving Instructions** 

**Activities: Giving Instructions** 

Assessing Communications Strengths and Difficulties

Feedback

**Additional Resources** 

Additional Activities

Summary

**Group Activities** 

Group Activity: Communication in the Workplace

Group Activity: Following Directions

Group Activity: Feedback



#### **Activity 4: Conflict Resolution**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Discussion

**Interpersonal Conflicts** 

**Resolving Interpersonal Conflicts** 

Employee Handbook

Activities: Employee Handbook

**Protocols** 

Activities: Protocols

Chain of Command

Activities: Chain of Command

**Personal Conflicts** 

**Resolving Personal Conflicts** 

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Resolving Interpersonal Conflicts

Group Activity: Protocols

Group Activity: Personal Conflicts

Group Activity: Resolving Personal Conflicts

Group Activity: Personal Conflict Resolution Plan

## **Activity 5: Teamwork**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Importance of Teamwork

Key Traits of Successful Work Teams

**How Teams Work** 

Activities: How Teams Work

Additional Resources



#### Additional Individual Activities

Summary

**Group Activities** 

Group Activity: Importance of Teamwork

Group Activity: Passing Balls

Group Activity: Lowering a Hoop

Group Activity: Characteristics Needed to Work in a Team Environment

Group Activity: Characteristics Needed to Work in a Dispersed Team Environment

# **Activity 6: Problem-Solving Techniques and Decision-Making Skills**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

**Problem-Solving** 

Activities: Problem-Solving

Theories of Problem-Solving

Activities: Theories of Problem-Solving

**Decision-Making** 

Activities: Decision-Making

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

## **Activity 7: Proper Business and Personal Ethics**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

List of Topics

**Defining Larceny** 

Scenario Evaluation

Employers' Expectations of Employees

**Causes of Conflict** 

**Professional Ethics** 

Additional Activities

**Additional Resources** 

Summary



## Group Activity

# Group Activity: Scenario Evaluation

# Activity 8: Workplace Etiquette - Part A: Business Etiquette and E-mail Use

**Lesson Objectives** 

**List of Topics** 

Business Etiquette – Introduction

Punctuality

**Business Cards** 

Activity: Business Cards

Other Topics

**Activity: Other Topics** 

Computer Etiquette – Introduction

Writing E-mail

Quick and Dirty

Convenient

Be Brief

Use an Appropriate Subject heading

Threads

Copied Message Body

**Use URGENT Sparingly** 

Recipient List

**Formatting** 

Attachments

Smilies, Emoticons, and Emojis

Other Text Tricks

Signature

E-mail Accounts

Activity: Business Writing (Brevity)

**Activity: Computer Communication** 

Activity: Internet Research
Activity: Writing an E-mail

Activity: Evaluate an E-mail



Activity: Compose an E-mail (Incorrect)

Activity: Compose an E-mail (Correct)

Summary

# Activity 8: Workplace Etiquette - Part B: Ethical Computer and Cell Phone Usage

Lesson Objectives

Materials Required

List of Topics

Computer Ethics – Introduction

**Sharing Computers** 

Activity: Research Computer Ethics

**Activity: Computer Use Policies** 

Activity: Web Use

Activity: Computer Use

Activity: Computer Room Rules

**Additional Resources** 

Cell Phone Use

**Company Policy** 

Cell Phone Etiquette

Activity: Web Use

Summary

Activity: Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Role Playing

Group Activity: Do's and Don'ts

Group Activity: E-mail Etiquette Rules

Group Activity: E-mail Etiquette Practice



## **Activity 9: Employer-Employee Relationships**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Respect

Activities: Respect

Loyalty

Activities: Loyalty

Teamwork

Activities: Teamwork

Additional Resources

Summary

Group Activity

Group Activity: Respect

#### **Activity 10: Proper Communication with Diverse Populations**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Life Experiences

**Customs and Traditions** 

Communication with Diverse Populations

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Timelines

Group Activity: Customs and Traditions

Group Activity: Dealing with Controversial Issues

Group Activity: Confronting Diversity

Group Activity: Isolation within a Group

Group Activity: Communicating in Difficult Situations



### **Activity 11: Career Goals**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

**Goal Categories** 

**Goal Time Spans** 

**Choosing Your Goals** 

Activity: Choosing Your Goals

**Defining Career Goals** 

Your Career Action Plan

Activities: Your Career Action Plan

**Additional Activities** 

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Interview

Group Activity: Obstacles and Barriers

## Activity 12: Résumés and Cover Letters - Part A

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Purpose of a Résumé

**Packaging Yourself** 

Think Advertising

Understanding Résumé Writing

Activity: Evaluate Your Old Résumé

Activity: Evaluate Another Résumé

Résumé Format



Length

Materials - Paper

**Fonts** 

Materials – Ink

Layout

Activity: Investigate Résumé Format

# Activity 12: Résumés and Cover Letters - Part B

Résumé Content

Organization

Identification - Your Name

Identification – Contract Information

Assertions

Objective

Summary

Skills/Accomplishments

Evidence

Experience

Education

Work Permit

**Awards** 

**Personal Interests** 

References

**Key Words** 

**Power Words** 

Numbers

Proofread

Added Pizzazz

Activity: Internet Research on Job Objective

Activity: Internet Research on Summary

Activity: Internet Research on Skills/Accomplishments

Activity: Internet Research on Power Words



Activity: Internet Research on Résumé Writing

Activity: Write Your Résumé

# Activity 12: Résumés and Cover Letters - Part C

Cover Letter – Introduction

Response Letters

Focus

**Function** 

Strategy

Why the Résumé is Being Sent

Are You in the Know

Something About You

**Formalities** 

Salutation

Closing

Signature

Activity: Take Notes

Activity: Internet Research

Inquiry Letters – Introduction

Junk Mail

Activity: Internet Research

Activity: Collect Junk Mail

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Activity: Summary



# **Activity 13: Job Applications**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Sample Application Forms

Tips for Completing Application Forms

Creating a Pocket Résumé

Additional Resources

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Components of a Job Application

Group Activity: Completing a Job Application

# **Activity 14: Potential Employer Interviews**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Preparing for an Interview

Activities: Preparing for the Interview

**Commonly Asked Questions** 

**Behavioral Questions** 

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Commonly Asked Questions

Group Activity: Behavioral Questions

Group Activity: Interviewing Skills



## **Activity 15: Interviewing Skills**

**Lesson Objectives** 

Materials Required

**List of Topics** 

Appropriate Interview Behavior

Inappropriate Interview Behavior

Activities: Interview Behavior

Post-Interview Follow-Up

Activities: Post-Interview Follow-Up

Common Reasons for Not Getting the Job

Interview Practice

**Additional Resources** 

Summary

Group Activities

Group Activity: Interview Critique Sheet

Group Activity: Mock Interviews

Conclusion