

Interpersonal (soft) skills are integral to your career

Your GPA is important, but it's not everything. Besides having the necessary technical skills and aptitude to secure an internship or job, your interpersonal skills or "soft skills" are very important to an employer looking to make an investment in you.

Being able to communicate effectively with colleagues and clients is critical to your career success. The more you are able to create and develop meaningful relationships inside and outside of your company, the more opportunities

you can create for your future. People get hired and promoted not only because they have the right skillset, but because they are genuinely likable.



Whether you think it's fair or not, you could get passed over for a job or promotion because the other person had better people skills. It makes sense, but so many people do not realize that they do themselves a disservice when they treat their coworkers poorly or choose to not get along with them.

You get to choose the image that you project at work. History tells us that people with strong soft skills lead successful careers.

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- › **Industrial Engineering: 69**
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TOP 10 MOST IN-DEMAND SOFT SKILLS

- Communication
- Organization
- Teamwork
- Punctuality
- Critical Thinking
- Social Skills
- Creativity
- Interpersonal Comm.
- Adaptability
- Friendly
- Personality

Source: LinkedIn - August, 2016

Upcoming Events

Cookies and Careers – ECC Table
 Wednesday, November 9th
 ERF Lobby (off Taylor)
[Flyer with details](#)

LinkedIn Lab
 Thursday, November 10th
 SCE Tower – Room 408
[Event Details](#)

Supply Chain Career Fair
 Monday, November 14th
 SCE Tower: Room 302 @ 4-6 PM
[Event details](#)

Bioengineering Industry Day
 Friday, November 18th @ 1:30
 UIC Innovation Center (by SSB)
[Required Registration Link](#)

Career Advice from the Experts

We have hand-selected recent articles with career development advice to help you prepare for your future career in engineering.

Featured articles this week: Interpersonal (Soft) Skills

- [7 signs you need to develop your emotional intelligence](#)
- [The value of soft skills in a tech-obsessed economy](#)
- [How an introverted engineer learned to lead](#)

Other Topics

Resume | Cover Letter | Internship/Job Search | Networking | LinkedIn Preparing for a Career Fair | Interview Preparation | Following up with Companies Salary & Job Offer Negotiation | Communication & Interpersonal Skills

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- Resume and cover letter reviews
- Interview preparation
- Salary and job offer negotiation
- Internship & full-time job search strategies
- Career Fair preparation (Elevator speech)
- Professional etiquette
- Networking & LinkedIn tips
- Career related workshops