

Essentials:

Title:	Developing Career & Academic Potential through Application of Soft Skills
Objective:	This assignment is meant to provide students with a foundational understanding of skills sought by employers searching for quality new & recent graduates.
Background:	Employers are demanding that new and recent grad bring a set of soft skills to a new job. During interviews job candidates may be asked to discuss unique soft skills s/he offers to the employer and why they are of value to job success.
Scoring:	Maximum is 100 points
Grade Percent:	5% of course grade
Scoring criteria:	Professionalism, spelling, mechanics, grammar, use of vocabulary, detailed, quality of references, and quality of responses to each questions.
Delivery method:	upload to the correct assignment folder in Blackboard.
Due Date:	Sunday, 28th April 2019 by Midnight (No option for late submissions)

Requirements:

- Find at least five articles from credible websites that offer readers detailed analyses of soft skills.
- Develop detailed responses to discussion questions presented below.
- Organize and present a professional quality document responding to stated questions.
- Formatting: single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.
- Provide a list of references using APA formatting.

Discussion questions requiring response:

1. Many articles you read discuss the importance of soft skills in today's career marketplace. In your own words and thoughts explain and discuss why hiring managers want new graduates with strong soft skill development.
2. List more than ten soft skills you believe are relevant for your education and career path in business.
3. Define these soft skills and explain why you believe they are relevant for your career path.
4. Reflecting on this course and your analysis of soft skills which soft skills do you believe could have been beneficial in achieving your course goals?
5. Imagine you are called for an interview for the job position you really, really want to secure. During the interview you are asked about the soft skills you would bring to the job, if selected. The interviewer asks you to respond to this question, "what 5 soft skills would you bring to this job and why do you believe they are important for job success?"