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## What Students Need to Be Competitive Being the Pandemic Graduates!

Take it from the Counselor.

While the quest for most appropriate educational stream to choose and the right course of study to opt for had already been viral and had hijacked K-12 learners' minds, the COVID-19 pandemic happened and clouded their judgements even more to evaluate and select the right field of study for themselves. Suddenly it is an even bigger challenge to make a pick between expectations, field of interest and the requirement of post pandemic market to make realistic projections for one's career trajectory.

It is surely a dilemma for graduating batches of 2020-2021 to make the right and most risk-free choices to stay relevant and in demand in the market. Nature has run its course and shall continue to do so, however, it is imperative for the incumbent to enable themselves to be market-ready and market-competitive.

Following the trends, we focused our Webinar series and asked the industry experts to share what market demands from the fresh market entrants. They proposed a smart blend of soft skills and technical skills so that the fresh grad stays at a comparative advantage.

When it comes to learners, we try to facilitate them with empathetic solutions to cater to their needs and requirements, and believe in equipping them with these skills alongside study programmes at The Millennium Universal Colleges TMUC.



**'The right skill set shall set one apart from the rest of the crowd and enable them to compete in the ruthless post pandemic market.'**



How economic dynamics have altered the ways to achieve success as the graduating class of 2020-2021 had planned.

## Skills to Build Upon Parallel to Study Programmes

From experts who graced the TMUC Webinar sessions lately.

To survive and sustain amidst the extraordinary prevalent times, letting go of mediocrity and all that is ordinary is a dire requirement. Learners need to equip themselves with much more than just the degree, which was previously manageable to land a job at least.

*Anmara Tasnim, Head of Internal Quality Assurance, Engro Corp.* mentioned the 'attitudinal requirements' in candidates alongside the 'can-do attitude'. She mentioned how the element of respect is one of the basic requirements that students lack these days and should be considerate of their behaviour and demeanour when in company of their senior colleagues or line managers. She advised graduating students to always be willing to offer assistance and learn via all professional engagements at work.

*Dr. Lubaba Afzal, Organizational Psychologist at The Psyched Brain* spoke about handling situation in a smart manner to be a problem solver and be committed, and resilient with whatever one plans on achieving. She mentioned being grateful to being the key to sustaining happiness and self-drive on daily basis.

After years spent in the market, at assorted positions and various locations, here are a few bullet points entailing skills that learners need to adapt and must work upon. As a matter of fact, employers worldwide prefer a package deal when hiring candidates making it mandatory for fresh grads to learn more skills.

Knowing more than others always provides contending candidates a better head start and exhibits better value associated with him/her. Students must equip themselves with the following skills:

- ✓ **Technical Skills:** Out of the many skills, these skills can be life savers in your career. When one candidate is savvy on additional softwares/tools apart from the ones they learnt and practiced during their study programmes, they compliment and enhance their existing knowledge and skills. For example; Operating on clouds/shared servers is one way to foster collaborative and efficient performance.
- ✓ **MS Office Skills:** It is pretty much a survival tactic to be hands-on with MS Office. MS Excel, MS Word and MS Powerpoint being the most significant ones. Everyone today must be nous with the tools, functionalities, and shortcuts for command over these basic components of MS Office.
- ✓ **Presentation Skills:** The art of delivery is equally important. Clarity of ideas can only be communicated if presented the right way. What is 'the right way', you ask? It particularly means the act of presenting enabled via support of the right tools.
- ✓ **Soft Skills:** Soft Skills entail multiple skills such as Communication, Decision Making, Problem Solving, Responsiveness, Responsibility, Teamwork, Leadership, etc. One needs to continuously work on self-development to be the most value-adding version of themselves.

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