# THE **MAYOR'S** YOUTH **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

2016



Name:

## CAREER READINESS

Pt. 1

## **NACE**

Adapted from The National Association for Colleges and Employers; NACE conducted extensive research to define and identify career readiness competencies allowing for a successful transition into the workplace.

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## **CAREER READINESS**

**Career Readiness** is the attainment and demonstration of required capabilities that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace.

# WORTH THE MANAGEMENT



## **CAREER READINESS**

These are the skills that employer's will both <u>hire</u> and <u>keep</u> you for.

NACE CORE COMPETENCIES:	EXAMPLES:
I. CRITICAL THINKING/PROBLEM SOLVING	
Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems	Analyzing information to detect
Obtain, interpret, and use knowledge, facts, and data in this process	Analyzing results of experiments
Demonstrate originality and inventiveness	That y zing results of emperiments
II. ORAL/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS	
<ul> <li>Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and ef- fectively in written and oral forms to persons in- side and outside of the organization</li> </ul>	Presentations in a seminar or meeting
Able to express ideas to others	Letters, memos, research papers,
Can write/edit memos, letters, and complex technical reports clearly and effectively	reports.
III. TEAMWORK/COLLABORATION	
Build collaborative relationships	Participating on a sports team,
Able to work within a team structure	
Negotiate and manage conflict	Working with others to achieve a common goal.
IV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  APPLICATION	
<ul> <li>Select and use appropriate technology to accomplish a given task</li> </ul>	Using problem-solving software/ engineering solutions
Apply computing skills to solve problems	Using an excel spreadsheet to analyze information

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EXAMPLES:	NACE CORE COMPETENCIES:
Being captain of a team  Delegating tasks for a group project	<ul> <li>V. LEADERSHIP</li> <li>Use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others and organize, prioritize, and delegate work</li> <li>Assess and manage his/her emotions and those of others</li> <li>Use empathetic skills to guide and motivate</li> </ul>
Choosing to do your homework instead of watching Netflix Coming to work on time and in appropriate attire	<ul> <li>VI. PROFFESIONALISM/WORK ETHIC</li> <li>Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits, e.g., punctuality, working productively with others, and time workload management</li> <li>Understand the impact of non-verbal communication on professional work image</li> <li>Demonstrates integrity and ethical behavior, acts responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind and able to learn from his/her mistakes</li> </ul>
Completing your FAFSA as early as possible  Delegating tasks for a group project	<ul> <li>VII. CAREER MANAGEMENT</li> <li>◆ Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to the position desired and career goal</li> <li>◆ navigate and explore job options, understands and can take the steps necessary to pursue opportunities</li> <li>◆ Understands how to self-advocate for opportunities in the workplace</li> </ul>

## RESUME DEVELOPMENT

#### Your Name

Home Address Telephone Number Email Address

#### EDUCATION

- - College Nama o GPA, Majar, Relevant Classes, Extracurriculars, Awards/Honors
- High School Name
  - o GPA, Relevant ses, Extracurriculars, Awards/Honors

#### EXPERIENCE

- Recent Job Location Job Title
- Brief summary of job responsibil
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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

AWARDS

SKILLS

Try to use key industry words where possible! (You can often find these in job descriptions.)

#### 3. Work Experience

List your previous jobs in order of most recent to least recent. Give brief descriptions (bullet points) of what you did at each one!

(Note: You can also include an Awards Section, Volunteer Section, or Skills section if you think they are necessary.)

TIP: <u>Try</u> to keep your resume limited to one page when you turn it in. You can keep a version of your resume that's longer than one page, but try to trim it down to the most relevant things when ap-

Your resume is vital when it comes to telling your story and landing a job! Think of it as a summary of what you'd like to tell an employer about yourself.



#### 1. Contact Information

Include your Name, Address, Phone Number(s) and email here. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR E-MAIL AND ANSWER

#### 2. Education

List your current and past schools since high school. Include GPA, extracurricular, relevant classes, and any awards or honors!



## RESUME DEVELOPMENT

## **ACTION VERBS**

Use these verbs to describe your skills and accomplishments when writing your resume and cover letters. This will increase the strength of your writing and make potential employers take notice!

#### ANALYTICAL/ QUANTITATIVE:

analyzed appraised ascertained assessed audited balanced budgeted calculated clarified compared derived diagnosed estimated evaluated examined evaluated examined financed formed improved increased inquired inspected measures processed purchased qualified rated reconciled regulated specified surveyed synthesized targeted

#### **CRITICAL** THINKING:

tested

verified

Annotaated discovered formulated interpreted investigated measured quantified

recorded researched searched studied surveyed traced

#### **INNOVATIVE:**

Created

designed developed displayed exhibited illustrated invented made named performed produced publicized recruited shaped staged visualized

#### **INTERPERSONAL:**

Collaborated competed contributed cooperated coordinated ensured interacted intervened interviewed involved joined negotiated participated perceived promoted recognized referred related represented

resolved

#### **LEADERSHIP:**

Accomplished achieved attended chaired coached convened enlisted excelled facilitated focused guided initiated instilled

#### **MANAGEMENT:**

Acted

applied assigned balanced concluded conducted contracted delegated directed exercised exhibited financed forecasted generated implemented managed mentored projected provided reinforced succeeded supervised trained

#### **ORGANIZATION:**

Arranged cataloged categorized classified collated compiled

collected concluded controlled coordinated designed defined documented delivered grouped distributed Inventoried established located expanded maintained expedited modified **Implemented** ordered investigated monitored organized planned obtained prepared planned recommended prioritized selected reorganized scheduled solved simplified staged

utilized

volunteered

volunteered

tended

trained

#### **PERSUASION:**

updated

**HELPING:** Advised Acquired committed aided clarified elicited coached empowered encouraged counseled enabled influenced encouraged inspired motivated guided listened persuaded recruited protected sold provided served solicited supported stimulated taught suggested tended trained

#### **PROBLEM SOLVING:**

Adjusted allocated changed completed

#### **TECHINICAL:** Built

coded computed corrected debugged detected developed diagnosed identified installed invented licensed operated printed programmed protected recorded reinforced repaired reproduced restored retrieved treated

#### VERBAL./ WRITTEN:

Addressed advertised authored conveyed critiqued demonstrated drafted edited interpreted outlined presented proofed published revised translated wrote

## RESUME DEVELOPMENT

PAR: PROBLEM, ACTION, RESULTS PAR, are stories that describe Problems, Actions, and Results, you've delivered from your employers. They are concrete examples of how you solved problems at a prior job. First, use specific examples of key accomplishments and resume bullets. In general, think of relevant stories that show you in action – where you were effective, creative and resilient, rose to the occasion or saved the day.

### Rachel G. Appleseed

Unweighted GPA: 3.6/ Weighted GPA: 4.1

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Rachel has an impressive GPA that exhibits her skills in various classes.

AWARDS

University of Connecticut

Westhill High School - Stamford CT

Mathematics Department Award 2012, 2013, 2016 President's Award for Achieving Honor Roll in 11 Consecutive Quarters 2015 World Language Department Award 2015 Science Department Award 2012 Business & Technology Department Award 2012

National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society-Treasurer

City of Stamford Youth Services Bureau; Mayor's Youth Employment Program

Class of 2020

Class of 2016

One of 52 students selected from over 100 applicants for a job readiness program with 27 hours of leadership training and job readiness skills and 140 hours of paid internships

Stamford Health Department

Summer 2016

Accompanied inspectors on health inspections to various establishments, compiled data and statistics for the department, reorganized files, and worked on putting together a database for Stamford shelters.

New Neighborhoods, Inc. - Intern

Summer 2015

I gained clerical experience doing office work, conducted phone surveys, organized the database, and worked as a receptionist

Rachel is using PAR to describe the things she has executed at her previous work places.

Rachel is using action verbs in

her job descriptions.

	Track & Field - Shot-put, Discus, and Javelin thrower for the Westhill High School Team	grades 9,10,11,12
•	Debate Team - Competed in Connecticut Debate Association tournaments in the Varsity Division	grades 10,11,12
•	Interact Club - Organized food drives, blood drives, book drives, and other fundraisers at school	grades 9,10,11,12
•	Student Government - Elected as Twelfth Grade Class Representative	grade 12

Student Ambassadors - Helped out at open houses, volunteered at school events, & assisted incoming freshmen

RSPACEE (Study of the Planets, Aeronautics, Cosmic Environments, and Engineering)

Classroom Leader - Taught science to fifth graders at Hart elementary school

Westword, Westhill Newspaper - writer

These are examples of Rachel's leadership skills..

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

•	Ferguson Library Teen Volunteer - Helped run the Ferguson summer reading program for kids and teens	grades 10,11,12		
•	Stamford Hospital's Junior Volunteer Program - Worked at the Employee Health Center & Laboratory	grades10,11,12		
	National Honor Society Tutor - Helped underclassmen with homework after school	grades 10 11		

REMINDER: All high school information should be removed by the end of sophomore year of college

Computer: Proficient in Microsoft excel, PowerPoint, Access; Adobe Photoshop, InDesign; Familiar with Java, Lexus Nexus Social Media: Proficient in Tumblr, WordPress, Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook Language: Conversational in Spanish, Haitian-Creole, French