Essential Employability Skills

Employability skills, aka "soft skills," are the **building blocks that prepare people for employment.** We often start learning these skills early in life like getting along well with others, being dependable, and having a willingness to learn and grow.

Any type of skill takes a long time to master. One way to practice these skills is with hands-on, project-based activities that STEAM learning emphasizes. At the Mid-Valley STEM-CTE Hub, **we believe that STEM, STEAM, and CTE go hand-in-hand with social-emotional learning.** Together, these experiences help young people develop self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success.

Below are what employers deem to be the **top ten essential employability skills** they look for in prospective employees when hiring for their companies. Look for these transferable skills in your STEAM learning experiences and notice how they can prepare you for your future!

Team Player	Empathy	Go-Getter	Open to Change	Self Awareness
Resiliency	Problem Solver	Social Awareness	Good with Technology	Good Communicator

Employers say...

"I am willing to train new employees on the technical job-specific skills they need to be successful in the role I am hiring them for. A new hire does not need to meet 100% of the requirements as long as they are a good fit with the company and **demonstrate that they have the soft skills needed to be part of a team.** Practicing good communication while being reliable and aware of their impact on others are some of the traits I look for when interviewing potential new employees."

What is STEM, STEAM, and CTE?

STEM = science, technology, engineering, and math

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CTE = career technical education

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