

The Top Skills Students Need for Future Success

The list might surprise you!



"IDC [International Data Corporation] research suggests that skills and competencies that support a well-developed, civically competent student are the same skills that will be widely in demand by employers in 2020 and beyond."

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*Indicates CIP (Communication, Integration, Presentation) skill
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CIP SKILLS (Communication, Integration, Presentation) account for 4 OF THE TOP 5 SKILLS

Communication

Integration

Presentation

Office

IDC considers proficiency in Microsoft Office to be a fundamental enabler for CIP skills

"'Technology for technology's sake' satisfies only a very small percentage of future skills requirements.... Focus on real-world tasks like CIP capabilities fosters both a well-rounded student and a student whose skills will be in demand in our future economy."

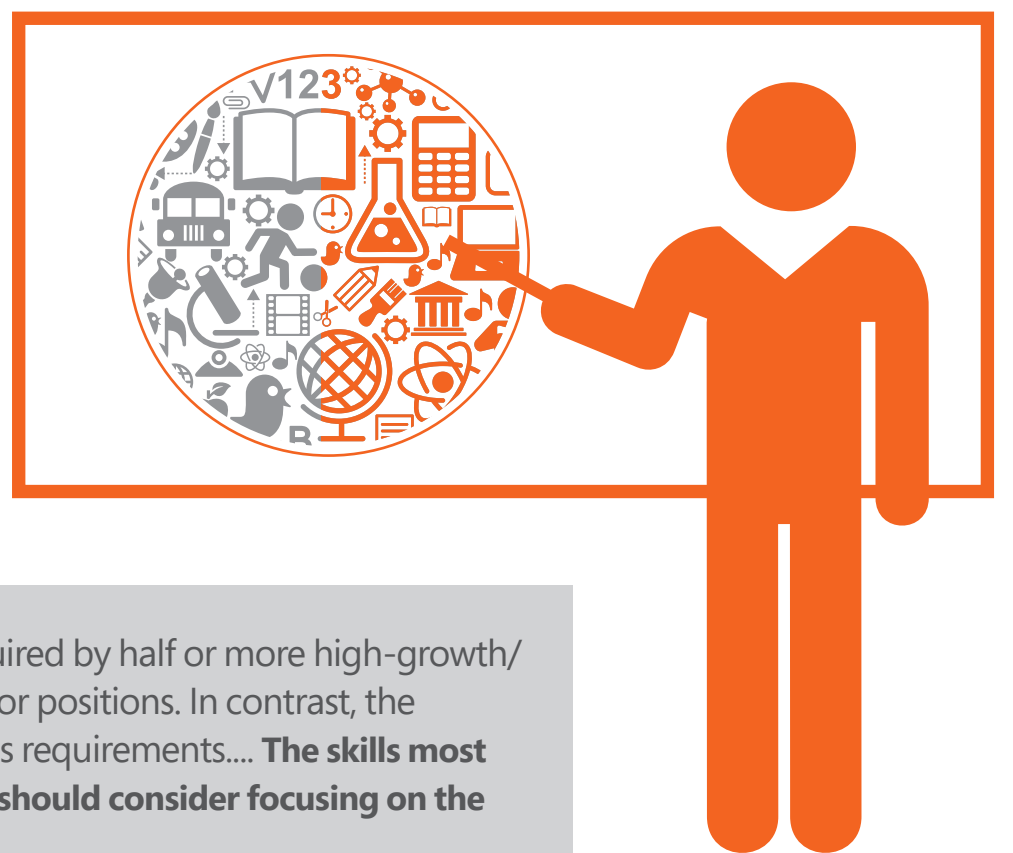
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CROSS-FUNCTIONAL SKILLS for Job Readiness

IDC analyzed 14.6 million job postings and identified

46.6% of skills requirements are CROSS-FUNCTIONAL not occupation-specific



"IDC analysis shows that while only 37 cross-functional skills are required by half or more high-growth/high-wage occupations, they make up 46.6% of skills requirements for positions. In contrast, the 1,065 occupation-specific skills make up the remaining 53.4% of skills requirements.... The skills most needed for the best jobs cut across many occupations, so educators should consider focusing on the skills with the broadest applicability to success."

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