Your academic strengths in high school may help you determine a future career path!

If your favourite subject is **Business** you may be interested in the following careers:
Account Manager, Appraiser, Bookkeeper, Certified Management Accountant, Entrepreneur, Corporate Lawyer, Corporate Trainer, Hotel Manager, Industrial-Organizational Psychologist, Investment Banker, Property Manager, Venture Capitalist

If your favourite subject is **Art, Music or Drama** you may be interested in the following careers:
Actor, Animator, Antique Dealer, Music Therapist, Camera Operator, Conservator, Curator, Fashion Retailer, Interior Designer, Landscape Architect, Picture Framer, Set Designer, Sound Technician

If your favourite subject is **Social Studies** you may be interested in the following careers:
Anthropologist, Civil Litigator, Criminologist, Economic Development Officer, Gerontologist, Politician, Probation Officer, Rehabilitation Counselor, Social Worker, Sociologist

If your favourite subject is **Science** you may be interested in the following careers:
Aerospace Engineer, Anesthesiologist, Agriculturalist, Audiologist, Chiropodist, Chemical Engineer, Dermatologist, Doctor, Electrician, Medical Illustrator, Nurse, Orthodontist, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Researcher, Respiratory Therapist

If your favourite subject is **Computers** you may be interested in the following careers:
Actuary, Business Systems Analyst, Computer Animator, Database Developer, Electronics Repairer, Industrial Machinery Mechanic, Recording Engineer, Technical Writer, Website Designer

If your favourite subject is **English** you may be interested in the following careers:
Arts Administrator, Corporate Lawyer, Critic, Customer Service Representative, Multimedia Developer, Public Relations Specialist, Sign Language Interpreter, T.V. Reporter, Writer

If your favourite subject is **Physical Education** you may be interested in the following careers:
Athletic Therapist, Dietitian, Early Childhood Educator, Forestry Technician, Infantry, Landscaper, Massage Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Prosthetics, Stunt person

If your favourite subject is **Shop/Woodworking** you may be interested in the following careers:
Aircraft Mechanic, Concrete Mason, Construction Tradesperson, Furniture Finishing, General Contractor, Inventor, Upholsterer, Welder
Career Word Search

ACTOR    LAWYER
AGRICULTURALIST  MANAGER
ANIMATOR      MECHANIC
ANTHROPOLOGIST  ORTHODONTIST
BIOLOGIST      PHYSICIAN
COUNSELOR     PLANNER
DIETITIAN     POLITICIAN
ENGINEER      PROFESSOR
EVENT         REPORTER
GERONTOLOGIST  TECHNICIAN
INVESTOR      WRITER
Careers at McMaster University
These are a few examples of the many diverse occupations at McMaster University by Department

Athletics and Recreation
• Coach
• Physiotherapist

Career Services
• Career Counsellor
• Career Advisor / Coach

Classroom Audio Visual Services
• Audio Visual Technician
• Hardware / Network Analyst

Computer Services Unit
• Computer Technician
• Data / System Analyst

Facility Services
• Electrical Specialist
• Maintenance Coordinator

Family Medicine
• Physician / Nurse
• Social Worker

Financial Services
• Budget Manager
• Payroll Advisor

Hospitality
• Executive / Banquet Chef
• Server

Housing and Conference Services
• Manager of Residence Admissions
• Residence Manager

Human Resources Services
• Employee/Labour Relations Advisor
• Return to Work Specialist

Human Rights and Equity Services
• Human Rights Educator

McMaster Libraries
• Reference Librarian
• Computer Systems Specialist

Medicine
• Clinical Research Nurse
• Research Technician

Museum of Art
• Education Officer
• Curator

Nuclear Reactor
• Reactor Operator
• Technician

Registrar’s Office
• University Registrar
• Admissions Officer

Research Professionals (Faculty Departments)
• Research Associates, Coordinators, Assistants, Lab Technologists & Technicians

School of Business
• Professor
• Communication and Events Specialist

Security and Parking Services
• Special Constable
• Investigator

Student Wellness Centre
• Health Educator
• Academic Skills Counsellor

Titles Bookstore
• Customer Service Representative
• Customer Courseware Coordinator

University Advancement
• Public Relations Manager
• Director of Alumni Advancement

University Technology Services
• Chief Information Officer
• Programmer Analyst
Essential Skills Needed for Work, Learning, and Life

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada have identified essential skills needed for work, learning, and life. These essential skills provide the foundations for all other skills and enable you to grow with your job and adapt to workplace change.

**Employability or soft skills** are the essential skills required by most employers today and can be divided into three groups:
- Teamwork
- Personal management
- Academic skills (including communication, thinking, and learning skills)

These skills have been further divided into nine categories defined by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada:
- Reading Text
- Document Use
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Oral Communication
- Working with Others
- Continuous Learning
- Thinking Skills
- Computer Use

These nine skills are transferable to almost any occupation and provide the foundation for learning all other skills, while enabling you to evolve with your job and adapt to workplace change.

**Transferable skills** are skills you have that can be transferred from one job to the next or from one industry to another. These include: oral and written communication skills; leadership and management skills; human relations skills; research, planning, and analysis skills; and time management skills.

- Identifying these skills is very important to successfully obtaining and holding a job, as well as during post-secondary educational opportunities.

**People Skills** are interpersonal communication and teamwork skills considered highly valuable in most occupations.

**Vertical skills** are skills that are occupation-specific and typically are not transferable from one job to the next.

Other helpful terms to know:
- **Foreign credentials**: qualifications and certifications earned outside of Canada.
- **Human resource development**: increasing the number of qualified workers in a particular field or sector through training and education.
- **Labour market information**: information on employment, wages, standards, qualifications, job openings, working conditions, and other factors related to the labour market.

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