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## Market You with a Winning Resume!

The purpose of a resume is to get you an interview. The resume has to impress the hiring manager in less than 60 seconds. To make that impression you have to highlight your skills, experience and abilities most relevant to each position/organization. You will tailor your resume to each job. We recommend a combination functional and chronological resume for best impact. To create a draft resume, use the following guidelines:



1. **PERSONAL LETTERHEAD:** Create a personal letterhead for a document header.
  - Make your name stand out: use 12-16 point bolded font
  - Include address, phone number, e-mail address, and social media/web page link (if applicable)
  - Use your letterhead on all pages of the resume (usually one page for entry level positions), the reference sheet, and your cover letter

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2. **RESUME HEADINGS:** Use appropriate resume headings which may include:
  - Objective
  - Qualifications Summary
  - Education
  - Professional Experience
  - Skills (include certifications, licenses, computer skills)
  - Activities
  - Honors/Awards
3. **OBJECTIVE:** If you include an objective statement, write a short, focused career objective that is tailored to the specific position/organization to which you are applying. One or two sentence objectives are best.
  - An entry-level position in marketing; special interests in public relations.
  - A mechanical engineering internship in the automotive industry.
  - A Staff Accountant position requiring strong problem-solving and business planning skills.
4. **QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY:** A Qualifications Summary section (optional) gets the hiring manager's attention by emphasizing accomplishments and/or demonstrated skills/qualities. This highlights your professional strengths and is listed after the objective (in 5-6 bullet points).

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- Proven leadership skills with experience leading teams and coaching athletes.
- Advanced: ProEngineer, Inventor, Excel; Intermediate: MathCad, EES, Word, PowerPoint

5. **EDUCATION:** For new grads, education typically appears near the top of the resume. Include the official name of your Degree, Major, Name of Institution/Location, and Graduation Date. You may include classes relevant to work that would show related skills (e.g. Surveying, Accounting I). As a general rule, if you GPA is 3.0 and higher, include it.

Anticipated **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Management**

*Trine University*; Angola, IN – Expected Graduation: May 2014

GPA 3.5 (4.0)

**Relevant Coursework:**

Basic Technical Drawing  
Computer Aided 3D Modeling  
Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing

[Example for an engineering student]

Advanced Design Techniques  
Jig and Fixture Design

6. **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** List employment experiences chronologically, in reverse order. Include the name of the organization, city and state, your job title, and your dates of employment. Use action words (see handout) to describe what you did and what you accomplished—concisely. Don't use I, me or my. Include keywords that match those found in the job description.

*Bass Company*; Fremont, IN

08/20012 to Present

**Sales Associate**

- Assess the needs of the customer and provide appropriate level of service and expertise
- Provide check-out and fitting room assistance
- Restock inventory and display cases

*Acme Marketing*; Grand Rapids, MI

05/2012 to 08/2012

**Advanced Sales Representative**

- Developed client relationships; made presentations; and sold product
  - Earned two promotions in three months based on sales performance
  - Received word-of-mouth referrals to new clients

Show your professional experience in terms of accomplishments. When writing accomplishments, start with a verb, follow the verb with the area you acted upon, then follow this with a quantitative end result.

- Increased sales by 50% in the first year.
- Managed 20-30 volunteers every Sunday evening for a building project. Under budget by \$1,000 at project completion.

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7. **SKILLS:** This section is used to identify specific skills and abilities. If you are bilingual, consider including a separate heading *Language Skills*. Use a separate heading *Computer Skills* and list specific software you can use such as ProE, MathCad, SolidWorks, Microsoft Office, including Excel, QuickBooks Accounting Software.

### Computer Skills:

Pro/E Wildfire

Pro/E Mechanica

Pro/E Mechanica Motion

Rapid Prototype Machine

MathCad

EES



### Skills:

- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint; Video-editing: iMovie; Photo-editing: Photoshop
- Social Media: Facebook fan page administrator, Twitter, LinkedIn, Skype
- Working knowledge of both Mac and PC environment

8. **ACTIVITIES:** Activities should include professional affiliations such as SIFE, ASME, AiChE, memberships on sports teams, clubs and include information showing leadership such as Treasurer.

**President, ASME 2013-2014**

**Team Captain, Volleyball 2013, 2014**

9. **HONORS/AWARDS:** Highlight relevant honors and awards. Employers want to hire high achievers, so let them know that you were chosen the “Outstanding Chemical Engineering Student for 2014.”
10. **PROOF IT:** Never submit a resume with spelling or grammatical errors. Review your resume with Career Services, a professor or someone in your field. You may get multiple opinions, but use your best judgment and be open to constructive criticism.
11. **REFERENCES:** Create a separate reference sheet.
- Don’t include the phrase “References Available on Request”
  - Head the sheet with your personal letterhead
  - List two professional, two academic, and one personal reference
  - Ask permission from your references *before* including them

### References:

- [Job Choices: For Business and Liberal Arts Students. Bethlehem, PA: National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2013.](#)
- <http://www.quintcareers.com/resres.html>
- <http://career-advice.monster.com/resumes-cover-letters/Resume-Writing-Tips/Whats-Your-Resume-Objective/article.aspx>