

Advice for New College Grads When Dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic



Are you a **new college graduate** looking for your **dream job**? The COVID-19 pandemic has created hurdles for new college graduates. Beginning your career after college can be challenging, especially during a pandemic. You have worked so hard for years to achieve your college degree, and now it's time to put your **skills** to work. There are **Five Skills** employers look for in new college graduates:

1. **Critical thinking and problem solving.** Talk about examples to highlight your skill at overcoming obstacles and generating successful outcomes.
2. **Teamwork and collaboration.** Give an example of how you helped a colleague at a previous job or during a group project.
3. **Professionalism and strong work ethic.** Dress in business attire to express professionalism. Be sure to explain how you manage your time to demonstrate strong work ethic.
4. **Oral and written communication skills.** Try to keep answers clear and concise. Good communication also ensures you are an excellent listener, so always pay close attention.
5. **Leadership.** Express confidence to prove that you have leadership aptitude.

Practice these five skills before interviews to impress potential employers and land your dream job!

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