Professionals Program

Critical Thinking

Learning Objectives
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills by participating in an experience, analyzing an experience, and explaining the student's findings.

Critical Thinking Core Requirements:
- Participate in a leadership speaker series
  - Write a short reflection of what you thought was most useful
  - Complete the Speaker Series survey
- Write a career analysis talking about the subjects below. Essay will be a 1 page, 12 pt. font and double spaced:
  - A work-related problem that you used critical thinking to solve and overcome
  - Diversity (Hint: how does diversity affect your workplace?)
  - How will your field of work change in the future? How will you prepare for that?

Additional Experiences (choose at least one of the following options):
- Hold a position as a club officer or demonstrate effective leadership in a group or organization (on- or off-campus)
- Create a calendar with all tests, assignments, work schedule (if applicable) and personal events
  - Use time management skills to properly balance your schedule/calendar
    - Hint: Check out https://www.timecamp.com/blog/2020/07/how-to-use-your-calendar-to-master-time-management-best-tips-tools/ for more information
Professionalism

Learning Objectives

- Employ or illustrate professionalism by conducting themselves in a timely manner, demonstrating effective personal skills, and participating in career readiness.

Professionalism Core Requirements:

- Read and reflect on how you can improve your professionalism
  - REFLECT: essay should be one paragraph, double spaced and 12-pt font.

- Have your resume & cover letter reviewed by Career Services

- Participate in a practice interview with Career Services

Additional Experiences *(choose at least one of the following options):*

- Attend a Career Fair
- Participate in any Speaker Series that's related to professionalism/jobs

Communication

Learning Objective

- Develop communication skills by interacting with professional community and identifying positive communication skills.

Communication Core Requirements:

- Read and Reflect on how you can improve your communication skills.
  - READ: [https://www.thebalancecareers.com/communication-skills-list-2063779](https://www.thebalancecareers.com/communication-skills-list-2063779)
  - REFLECT: essay should be one paragraph, double spaced and 12-pt font

- Meet with your Student Success Coach once each semester that you are an active student
  - Semester 1 Date: Semester 3 Date:
  - Semester 2 Date: Semester 4 Date:

- Attend a Speaker Series on effective communication skills
  - Practice your communication skills by volunteering for 5 hours
    - Hint: Check out 211 Rapid City for volunteer ideas

Additional Experiences *(choose at least one of the following options):*

- Build a professional LinkedIn profile
- Identify scholarships that are available to you and apply.
Cultural & Global Diversity Awareness

Learning Objective

- Recognize cultural & global diversity awareness by participating in cultural activities and identifying key term.

Cultural & Global Diversity Core Requirements:

- Read and reflect on how to improve your cultural awareness
  - REFLECT: essay should be one paragraph, double spaced and 12-pt font
- Attend an on- or off-campus cultural event and write an essay about your experience
  - Paper will be one paragraph, double spaced and 12-point font
  - Hint: Crazy Horse Memorial, Journey Museum, Cultural Fair at BH or Mines are acceptable options.
- Attend a Speaker Series related to cultural awareness
  - Complete the Speaker Series survey

Additional Experiences (*choose at least one of the following options*):

- Watch a TedTalk relating to Culture/global diversity
  - Write a one paragraph reflection
- Read any article of your choosing about diversity with an intercultural focus and write a two-paragraph essay about what you learned
  - Essay will be double spaced and 12-point font
  - Articles must be from scholarly source.
    - Hint: WDT Online Databases have great sources!
Technical Knowledge and Skills

Learning Objective

- Demonstrate technical knowledge and skills by identifying and using technology.

Technical Knowledge and Skills Core Requirements:

- Present a PowerPoint Presentation on a subject related to your field
  - Groups of two are allowed
  - More information will be provided on the Professionals Program online course & emails

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