# WE ARE CAREER SERVICES PORTFOLIO

A career portfolio is a collection of your work providing physical evidence of the skills/ experience in your resume. It can give you an edge

> Career portfolios are commonly used in creative fields such as graphic design but are effective for all industries including HR and hospitality.



over the competition.

Don't have much work experience? Dig into your school work, volunteering, or hobbies to showcase the skills you have. For example, a flyer you created for a fundraising event on campus.

## What's in a portfolio?

- Resume
- Work samples
- Projects
- Letters of recommendation/reference
- Certificates/diplomas/degrees/awards
- Transcripts
- Records of community service/volunteer work
- Professional memberships
- Business cards

#### What you will need:

- Professional folder (cloth, leather or vinyl)
- Sheet protectors
- High quality paper





Develop a summarized version of your portfolio to be left with the interviewer with your contact information. You can use an inexpensive binder and only include copies of the most relevant documents.





## **Creating Your Portfolio**

#### Instructions:



Categorize: organize your items into categories such as Work Experience, Education, Achievements and Awards.

Each page should have a title and description of what each item is. Remember to highlight any achievements or outcomes related to that item.

Example: Description of a social media campaign you developed for a company which resulted in 75% increase in followers within one month.

Make photocopies of important documents or oversized documents which need to be resized.

After putting your portfolio together, include a title page, table of contents, and introductory page highlighting your career goals and qualifications.

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#### **Example Portfolio**







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Testimonials and Letters of Recommendations









Detailed Skills, Abilities and Marketable Qualities



Conferences and Workshops Attended



Transcripts, Degrees, Licenses, and Certifications





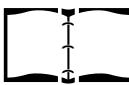
Newspaper Clippings: Articles and Photos showing Achievement.



References

## **Using Your Portfolio During an Interview**

Let the interviewer know that you have a portfolio with you at the beginning of the interview.



You can refer to your portfolio to support your responses to interview questions.

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