

Transitioning From the Military



Evaluate Strengths

Turn to the Career Development Center for guidance in identifying your strengths, developing new skills, and transferring your military background to civilian job opportunities

Resources

[WKU Career Pathways](#)

[Transferable Skills Checklist](#)

[Steppingblocks](#)

Career Coach

WKU provides career support for student veterans, including help with career decisions based on your military background. Each major also has a Career Coach for tailored guidance

Resources

Find your career coaches' contact information [here](#)



Campus Support

Build connections and explore resources through veterans' groups on campus

Resources

[WKU Military Student Services](#)

WKU's [Office of Veterans Affairs](#) helps you achieve your education goals and access VA benefits

Explore Options

You can explore career options by using websites that match civilian jobs to your military experience

Resources

O*NET Online's [Crosswalk](#)

CareerOneStop's [Veteran and Military Transition Center](#)

[GoGovernment](#) for Veterans



Transferable Skills

Based on a survey of employers, the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) has identified the eight most desirable competencies essential for new graduates. You already possess many of these skills, and they are useful in a variety of contexts. While this list does not contain every skill, it may help you identify some relevant talents for fulfilling your goals.

Using the checklist below, check (✓) the skills that you already have and circle the skills you want to develop.

Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving

- Analyze information
- Create ideas
- Find alternative options/solutions
- Identify problems
- Observe details
- Plan strategies
- Predict outcomes
- Anticipate problems
- Conceptualize cases/situations
- Detect themes/patterns
- Discover resources
- Formulate questions
- Gather information
- Set goals

Oral/Written Communication

- Express ideas
- Listen attentively
- Perceive nonverbal cues
- Persuade others
- Provide feedback
- Write clearly
- Public speaking
- Convey positivity
- Describe feelings
- Edit documents
- Facilitate discussion
- Interview clients
- Report information
- Receive feedback



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