



Initiative and Self-Drive Resources

The resource links are meant to be reviewed and considered for incorporation into your training materials, if they meet the specific needs and/or experience level of your Participant group.

Videos

- Why it's important to Take Initiative in the workplace || 2022: Bohlale Paile provides thoughtful advice on how to be workplace ready. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwfHL-VIRDA>
- Newcomers and the Workplace: Taking the Initiative: Alberta (Canada) Workforce Essential Skills. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F45Mw6LB4XI>
- P-20 Network Blog & Virtual Trailheads - Elizabeth Stanley, Broadway Star, emphasizes that Initiative and self-drive are what produce success in her career. <https://p20network.niu.edu/career-pathways-virtual-trailheads-elizabeth-stanley-broadway-star/>
- P-20 Network Blog & Virtual Trailhead - Desiree Smith, Media Relations, reflects on and gives advice about resilience and self-drive. <https://p20network.niu.edu/career-pathways-virtual-trailheads-desiree-battaglia-communications-media-relations/>
- P-20 Network and Virtual Trailhead - Laura Rice, Microbiologist. Be Persistent, examine why your work is important, be open to feedback. <https://p20network.niu.edu/career-pathways-virtual-trailheads-laura-rice/>
- Tips on creating an effective cover letter (Vidcast from Purdue Owl). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSLGa2bRU-g>
- Tips on creating an effective resume (Vidcast from Purdue Owl). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdhs0VRJODo>
- 8 tips for writing a winning resume. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u75hUSShvinc>
- 5 things your resume must have. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WATpBoVprRk>
- P-20 Network Blog & Virtual Trailhead - Bridgette Wolf, Head of SnackFutures Innovation, identified that having the "agility to learn" is vital to her ongoing success, and she cites work ethic is being a must-have characteristic to achieve in her career. <https://p20network.niu.edu/career-pathways-virtual-trailheads-bridgette->
- Employees at Bunn-omatic discuss the value of having initiative and independence. <https://youtu.be/mmWgd3bU4TE?si=R5kkzsVbZ719f0me>
- Illinois Work Net Center, Video Workplace Skills: Career Development. <https://www.illinoisworknet.com/Qualify/Pages/Videos.aspx>

Articles

- Career One Stop Website: Explore Skills and Ability Videos and explore in demand jobs.
<https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/SkillandAbilityVideos/skill-and-ability-videos.aspx>
- Career One Stop Website: How to go about informational interviews and finding out how to become best prepared for wanted career.
<https://www.careeronestop.org/JobSearch/Network/informational-interviews.aspx>
- Illinois Work Net Center. Article: "How to Post Your Resume Online."
<https://www.illinoisworknet.com/Pages/Article.aspx?ArticleId=69>
- Illinois Work Net Center. Article: "Portfolio Basics."
www.illinoisworknet.com/Pages/Article.aspx?ArticleId=22
- Illinois Work Net Center, Article: "Setting Goals 101."
<https://www.illinoisworknet.com/Pages/Article.aspx?ArticleId=119>