

RESUME TOOL KIT



Top Resume Writing Tips

- Use the job description or job posting as a reference to emphasize the most important experiences, skills and characteristics required for the position
- Identify keywords from the job description to create a positive impact and highlight your relevant traits
- Be concise and make every word count
- Provide hard evidence (examples) of achievements so that employer can picture you doing the work
- Choose action words (verbs) to pinpoint your accomplishments. Don't just list your responsibilities: say you did and how you did it.



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- Beware of Applicant Tracking Systems:
 - o Look at resume templates for ideas but NEVER use a template
- ATS cannot read:
 - o header, footer, symbols, emoticons, text boxes, tables, charts, resume templates ("fancy formatting")
- Create your own SIMPLE Word Document to make sure your resume passes Applicant Tracking Systems
- Proofread your resume: first impressions are lasting impressions. Have others proofread your resume for spelling and grammar and provide feedback
- Talk to a career advisor at FDU Career Services to make sure you are on the right track



Formatting Your Resume

Resumes are reviewed differently by different employers, though there are some general considerations when thinking about your resume:

- There is no perfect resume or "right" way of writing a resume
- > Employers might spend around 6-10 seconds in the first round of resume reviews
- Format your resume consistently in a simple way so it is easy to skim or scan
- Font size no smaller than 11. Margins no smaller than 0.5"
- Up to 2 pages in length
 - Some fields (Investment Banking, for example) and organizations (Google) prefer 1-page resumes but the majority will accept 1 or 2-page resumes
 - o If you are looking for entry-level positions, 1 page would be a better choice
- Avoid creative flair unless it's a relevant skill for the job (e.g. graphic design)
- Be consistent with your formatting
- > Don't use color, <u>underline</u>, **bold** and *italic* all at once. Choose no more than 2 for the whole document
- Minimize space needed by using relevant and precise wording; ensure you have white space
- > Save your resume in a professional format:
 - Sohyun Kim, Resume
 - o Pedro Silva, System Analyst
 - o JaneSmith Resume-Engineering Consultant Position #2022-45



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Age

Date of birth

Marital status

Profile photos

Religion

Social Insurance Number

Resume Section: Header

Mandatory:

- Contact Information: city and province
- Phone number
- Professional email address

Optional:

- LinkedIn (create a customized URL)
- Personal Websites

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Resume Section: Job Title & Requisition

Tip: always include the job title you apply for right underneath your name and contact information → This makes your resume even more easy to read → If there are various open positions, the hiring managers know right away, which position you are applying for Job requisition number = job posting number Always include it, if you can find it in the job posting More commonly found in posts on company websites Masters of Ac Usually at the bottom of the posting Facilitates hiring managers to read and manage your application **Learning And Development Specialist WORK EXPERIE** Provincial Health Services Authority \cdot Burnaby, BC \cdot 6 days ago \cdot 64 applicants Residential H CA\$39/hr - CA\$48/hr · Hybrid · Full-time · Associate Bayshore Hor 10,001+ employees · Hospitals and Health Care Maintaini 1 company alum works here · 229 school alumni work here Managing See how you compare to 64 applicants. Reactivate Premium 🚝 Skills: Kommunikation, Erwachsenenbildung, +8 more About the job Schedule The Learning and Development Specialist will support a number of major Digital Health Location: Hybrid / Burnaby, BC Hours of Work: Monday - Friday (37.5 hours per week) panies to process patient claims

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Requisition # TOD12282023

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Resume Section: Profile / Summary

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- Expertise
- Industry (bilingual v
- Database
- Time Ma

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 Introduction of your strongest skills, experiences, and objective at the beginning of a resume

- 3-4 sentences
- Emphasize skills & experiences relevant to the position you apply for

Brainstorm:

- What does the employer need?
- What very related strengths do you have?
- What can you offer the employer?
- What key words are mentioned (various times) in the job posting that you could include here?

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Additional Example: Environmental Engineer

Enthusiastic 2024 Environmental Engineering graduate with expertise in environmental audits and investigations. Specialized in enhancing water supply systems, soil testing, and traffic system management. Eager to bring an organized approach to elevate quality assessment strategies at [Company Name].

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Additional Example: MSACS Graduate

Recent Master of Science in Applied Computer Science graduate passionate about leveraging IT solutions for enhanced system functionality. Experienced in system analysis, data management, and software development. Ready to contribute technical skills to propel innovation at [Company Name].

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Resume Section: Highlights of Qualifications

- Related experiences, (hard & soft) skills, achievements
- Ideally 4-6 statements, NO more than 6
- Bullet points on your relevant expertise, past experiences, strengths
- WHAT skill you obtained, HOW you obtained this skill, and what was the OUTCOME of this skill:
 - e.g. Acquired leadership skills through various volunteering positions
- Use key words from the job description
- **Bold terms** in the beginning of the bullet point are optional, depends on your formatting preferences

Additional Examples:

- 2+ years of hands-on experience in customer service roles
- Strong knowledge in trade and margin analysis, cash market and derivatives products, global exchanges
- Skilled in handling administrative duties, including scheduling and communicating with different departments
- CFA level 1 candidate, planning to pass the exam in December 2017
- Skilled in handling administrative duties, including scheduling, basic accounting, and data entry (50 wpm)
- > Excellent telephone and tactful communication skills
- Self-motivated, takes initiative and adapts quickly to new concepts and responsibilities
- Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision in a team

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Resume Section: Education

- List formal schooling, training programs, certificate programs or online learning from the past 5 years
- List related coursework to present you have specific knowledge on the designated industry
- The information needs to make sense to your audience

Make sure to include these details:

Bachelor of Business Administration

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vancouver, BC

If you are still studying or a recent grad, you can include:

- Related coursework: 1-3 relevant courses
- School life highlights awards, scholarship, high GPA (<3.5/4)
- Always write the full name of the institution (NO abbreviations)
- For Canada: City, Province
- All other countries: **C**ity, **C**ountry

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Resume Section: Work Experience

Position 1 May 2019 - Aug 2021

Company Name, City, Province/Country

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General tips:

- Reverse chronological order (start with your most recent work experience and go back in time)
 - If you have extensive experience, focus on the last 10 years
- Use the same format for the whole work experience section
- Try to keep achievement statements down to 3-5 max per job, focus on job duties that are relevant to what you are applying for
- If you decide not to provide your complete work experience history, call this section "Relevant Work Experience"

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Resume Section: Work Experience TIPS

How to write achievement statements?

- Follow this format:
 - Action Word + Task (what/who/where + how) + Positive Result
- o Start each statement with an action verb (your skill) to describe work experience
- Keep your tenses consistent:
 - Your current job → Present Progressive: Managing, Handling, Assisting...
 - Any past job → Simple Past: Collected, Researched, Presented...
- o Don't use "I", "me", "our" etc.

Prepare your Achievement Statements with P-A-R

1. What was the Problem?

The turnover rate at my department was high. Half of the employees were new hires and they were not able to receive the training on time.

2. What Action did you take (How did you solve the problem)?

Promoted team building activities, cross functional training and employee involvement

3. What happened as a Result?

The turnover rate was lowered from 23% to 10% and the productivity was increased by 15%.

Final Statement:

 Promoted team building activities and cross functional training to a department with a high turnover rate, which decreased the rate from 23% to 10% within half a year

■ Examples of Achievement Statements:

Current job:

- Processing more than 25 orders a day, resulting in a daily increase of reported sales of \$25,000
- Displaying excellent goal-oriented attitude by successfully converting 25 leads to clients in 3 months
- Implementing data-driven marketing strategies, leading to a 15% boost in customer engagement within a six-month period
- Streamlining internal processes, reducing project completion time by 30% and achieving significant cost savings

Past job:

- Streamlined internal processes, reducing project completion time by 30% and achieving significant cost savings
- Introduc**ed** innovative product features, contributing to a 25% growth in user adoption and customer satisfaction.
- Enhanc**ed** customer feedback collection processes, leading to a 25% improvement in service quality
- Hired and trained staff that reduced department turnover by 15% over the last 12 months

Action Verbs by Skills / Industries

Teaching Skills

General Achievements				
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Management Skills				
Administered Analyzed Assigned Attained Chaired Conceived Consolidated Contracted	Coordinated Decided Delegated Developed Directed Encouraged Evaluated Executed	Handled Implemented Improved Increased Inspired Led Managed Motivated	Organized Oversaw Planned Prioritized Produced Recommended Reorganized Reviewed	Revitalized Scheduled Spearheaded Strengthened Supervised Transformed
Communication Skills				
Addressed Arbitrated Arranged Authored Co-Authored Collaborated Corresponded Counseled	Defined Developed Directed Drafted Edited Enlisted Formulated Influenced	Interpreted Lectured Mediated Moderated Motivated Negotiated Persuaded Presented	Promoted Proposed Publicized Published Reconciled Recruited Resolved Spoke	Summarized Translated Wrote
Technical Skills				
Clarified Collected Compiled Critiqued Detected	Diagnosed Evaluated Examined Extracted Identified	Inspected Interpreted Interviewed Investigated Organized	Published Reported Researched Reviewed Studied	Summarized Surveyed Systematized
Research Skills				
Analyzed Assembled Built Calculated Computed	Designed Devised Engineered Fabricated Installed	Maintained Operated Overhauled Pinpointed Programmed	Remodeled Repaired Solved Trained Troubleshot	Upgraded
Creative Skills				
Acted Composed Conceived Conceptualized Created Customized Designed	Developed Directed Discovered Established Fashioned Founded Illustrated	Innovated Instituted Integrated Introduced Invented Originated Performed	Pioneered Planned Produced Revised Revitalized Set Up Shaped	Streamlined Structured

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Clerical Skills				
Approved Arranged Assembled Catalogued Classified Collected	Compiled Dispatched Edited Executed Filed Generated	Implemented Inspected Listed Monitored Operated Organized	Prepared Processed Purchased Recorded Retrieved Screened	Specified Systematized Tabulated Validated
Financial Skills				
Adjusted Administered Allocated Analyzed Appraised	Audited Balanced Budgeted Calculated Compared	Computed Developed Estimated Forecasted Increased	Managed Marketed Planned Projected Reconciled	Reduced Researched Sold
Helping Skills				
Aided Assessed Assisted Clarified Coached Consulted Counseled	Demonstrated Diagnosed Educated Encouraged Expedited Facilitated Familiarized	Gave Guided Helped Inspired Motivated Participated Provided	Referred Rehabilitated Reinforced Represented Resolved Served Strengthened	Supported Taught Trained Verified
Sales Skills				
Built Collected Conducted Convinced Delivered	Distributed Doubled Expanded Expedited Improved	Increased Installed Launched Managed Negotiated	Ordered Performed Sold Streamlined	Supervised Tripled
Medical Skills				
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Resume Section: Volunteer Experience

Including volunteering on your Canadian resume is valuable as it:

- showcases transferable skills, community engagement, and a well-rounded profile
- fills employment gaps positively, enhances networking opportunities
- > aligns with Canadian cultural values of community involvement and giving back
- allows you to include Canadian experience in your resume, even if you have no work experience in Canada, yet

In case you have more space on your resume, you can format this section in the same way as your work experience section.

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Additional Resume Writing Tips

Language

- Use online job boards as your language database
- Include relevant words from the job posting, especially those that you find more than once in the job posting
- Don't paraphrase, use the exact key word from the job description and then customize the statements with YOUR experiences, skills, positive/quantitative results

Optional Sections

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Project Topic City, Country

What are the quantified results you achieved?

Aug 2022 - Sep 2022

- What was the project about?
- What you did in the project? What was your role?
- What tools/platforms/languages you used for the project?

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer Title City, Country

Organization Name

May 2017 – Aug 2017

- What did you do at this position?
- What were the QUANTIFIED results you had achieved during the tenure? (Use numbers and percentage to describe)
- What did you learn from this experience?
 e.g. Developed my <u>leadership skills</u> by coordinating the volunteers' meetings and organizing 3 major fundraising events.

Include **additional sections** such as publications, presentations, research, professional affiliations, certifications, and additional initiatives if they are relevant.

References

DON'T include unless specifically mentioned in the job posting

Things you never add on your resume:

- Your marital status
- Sexual orientation
- Religious or political affiliations
- Social insurance number
- Your age
- Your Picture
- Hobbies or Interests

Resume vs Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Resume	CV = Curriculum Vitae	
brief document	➤ longer	
can target work in any sector	generally aims at work in academic or research	
may include a "Summary of	sectors.	
Strengths" section	often includes extensive information on research	
focusses on relevant	publications, conference presentations and	
information for a specific job	fellowships	
posting	includes the full extent of your academic credentials	
	and professional experience	

Submitting your Resume

Ensure that you completely understand the employer's expectations about how application documents, such as your resume, should be submitted. If you need clarification, reach out to the contact e-mail or phone number often provided in the job description. Here are some considerations to keep in mind when submitting your resume:

- If there is the option to upload your resume or fill in text boxes for an online application do both!
- The title of your resume should include your name, the position, and type of document
 - e.g. JaneSmith Resume-Engineering Consultant Position #2022-45
- Send resume and cover letters as a PDF or Word document
 - Unless otherwise specified, have cover letter on the last page, in the same file as your resume
- Pay attention to employer preferences about receiving your resume as an attachment or in the text of an e-mail
- When prospecting in person, consider offering electronic and hard copies of your resume

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