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GRADUATE SUCCESS ATTRIBUTES

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Introduction:

Generally graduate success attributes are characterized by higher level of skills, qualities, knowledge, abilities and understandings that a student acquires from their studies and experience while at university. These skills enable students to effectively contribute and manage problem solving and communication. It also conducts students in thinking critically and creatively, and acting as successful team members at his/her work. If a student can acquire these skills properly, they also can use them into their social, academic and professional life. These generic skills can be developed by many in-class learning activities such as group work and discussion, brainstorming session, breakout session and class presentation. These can also be developed by many out-class learning activities such as project assignment, community placement, field trip etc. The extra-curricular activities also help students to develop generic skills. These skills cannot be acquired overnight. A student need to be proactive in all class activities and extra-curricular activities.

Communication skills:

Communication skills are the ability to give and receive various types of information, ideas and messages with others in a particular times and places. Some examples include giving new ideas, feelings and updates on a new project. Communication skills require us to be involved in listening, speaking and observing. Communication skills effectively integrate the power of communication across a field of contexts and audiences.

Through communication skills, I have acquired many skills to solve my problems, such as:

- Ability to present my thoughts and ideas effectively and confidently.
- Ability to listen actively and respond immediately.
- Ability to present a clear and confident presentation.
- Ability to reach a strong agreement.
- Ability to build good relationships.
- Ability to communicate with people from different cultures.

Thinking skills:

Thinking skills are a type of mental activities that is used to process information, make decisions and create new ideas. The thinking skills are crucial for better solutions. The actual meaning of the thinking skill is to think about many critical issues. To achieve this skills, we need to think critically, logically and creatively. These skills help us to build strong and effective arguments. We need these skills to solve many difficult problems that we face in our daily or social life.

Through thinking skills, I have acquired many skills to make my daily life easier, such as:

- Ability to face many difficult problems and try to solve with critical thinking.
- Ability to think holistically and symmetrically.

- Ability to define and analyze problems.
- Ability to search for creative ideas and solutions.
- Ability to make good decisions.
- Ability to understand and adapt to a new culture and new work environment.

Leadership and team working skills:

Leadership and team working are two important aspects of group communication. As a student, we always need to work in a team and sometimes we need to work as a team leader to manage the work of a team. In first semester we had many assignments and projects where we had to play the role of a leader or team member.

Through these to skills, I had acquired many skills to manage team work, such as:

- Ability to work effectively with others.
- Ability to lead a team with assigned tasks.
- Ability to understand others behaviour and respect their opinions.
- Ability to take responsibility for completing tasks.
- Ability to understand reality.

Conclusion:

As an international student, we all need to acquire the generic skills to build a successful life. To achieve this properly, these skills should be practiced in a variety of ways. These skills make our daily lives easier. Communication skills, thinking skills, leadership and team working skills are crucial to solving our problems. Using these skills, we will do better now and in the future.

