

Note:

This is a sample, not a template. Please customize wording, create new sections and change order to tailor your resume to the position or industry you are seeking.

NAME

Phone number/e-mail

Address (City, Province)

LinkedIn URL (if available and ready to share)

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS (optional / job or field specific)

- Experience related to the position (include number of years of applicable)
- Credentials/training/education relevant to the position
- Skills/strengths or knowledge relevant to the position with qualifying statements to back it up
- One or two skills/strengths that could be considered assets to the position
- Work ethic or values or technical skills relevant to position

EDUCATION

Honours Bachelor of...

Year–present

Major in... (area of study); minor in... (if applicable)

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

- Add any relevant subjects taken with a brief description of your learning (use action verbs)
- Add research/projects undertaken with brief description or results if possible
- Add academic awards if significant

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (other options: Experience, Volunteer Experience)

Position Title

Dates

Name of company or organization, City, Province

- Use 1-2 lines to describe your relevant activities in that position
- Consider using SAR formula (situation, action, result). Start with an action verb, then describe the task, followed by the result, accomplishment, outcome, or purpose
- Emphasize your transferable skills (leadership, organization, team work, etc.)

Example:

Position Title (Part-time)

Dates

Name of company or organization, Hamilton, ON

- Trained staff on cash, debit and credit transaction, enhancing accuracy and minimizing transaction errors
- Responded to customers in an attentive manner while working in a busy downtown retail store, improving overall customer satisfaction
- Entrusted with manager's responsibilities while manager was off site and on vacation, demonstrating leadership in overseeing staff and maintaining smooth store operations

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and/or VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Treat your unpaid experiences similar to your paid positions. Examples of extra-curriculars can include: Job Shadow, MSU Clubs, Faculty Associations, etc.

Position Title

Dates

Name of club/charity/event, City, Province

- Describe what you did in this position
- Emphasize your transferable skills and any achievements

TECHNICAL SKILLS (optional)

Headings can be adjusted to be more specific or general (Computer Skills, Language Skills, Business Skills, Additional Skills, Related Skills etc.). This is where you add any relevant "hard skills" or knowledge areas. Depending on the importance to the position, this heading may be on the first page.

- Programming Languages: C/C++, Visual C++, Visual Basic
- Graphic Programs: Corel Draw, AutoCAD
- Office Applications: MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint

INTERESTS (optional)

Tennis: Competed extensively through Canada in various junior and senior tournaments

Drama: Took major roles in high school and university drama

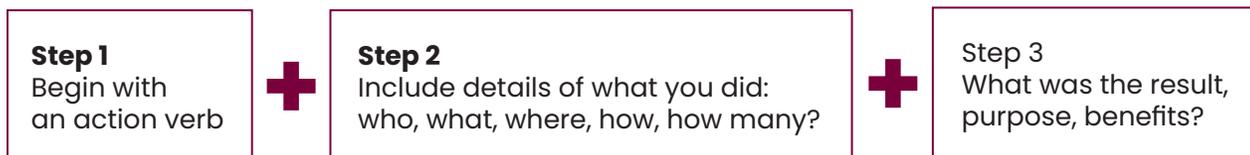
Public Speaking: Joined the local Toastmasters group to improve speaking skills

Additional headings

Use different headings in your resume depending on relevance to the position you are seeking. Some suggestions: Professional Profile, Research Experience, Relevant Experience, Additional Experience, Technical Skills, Awards and Grants, Lab Experience, Conferences and Presentations, Publications, Community Involvement, Professional Development

Accomplishment statements

Present your contributions by using accomplishment statements that give a clear impression of your capabilities and success:



Example:

- **Before:** Provided customer service
- **After:** Provided customer service in a busy retail environment resulting in the creation of a loyal customer base and improved sales by 10%
- **Before:** Created manual for volunteers
- **After:** Created procedural and responsibilities manual for volunteers at a community agency, which reduced overlapping duties and increased efficiency

* Refer to the Accomplishment Statement tip sheet for more examples