Personal and social capabilities — also known as “soft” skills — are critical to career success. Employers want, and expect, these skills. To meet this demand, we developed the Personal and Social Capabilities (PSC) Framework.

Created through an extensive review of existing 21st century skills frameworks, social skills, research related to employability skills, and labor market data, PSC identifies six common categories of “soft” skills people need to succeed in any employment setting:

- **Collaboration and teamwork**: Perspective taking, coordination, empathy, trust, flexibility
- **Communication (oral & written)**: Persuasiveness, presentation skills, active listening, influence
- **Social responsibility**: Ethics/integrity, community service, cultural awareness, sustainability
- **Critical & creative thinking**: Problem formulation, problem solving, reasoning, extrapolation
- **Self-management**: Metacognition, ownership, goal orientation, growth vs. fixed mindset
- **Leadership**: Managing self, integrity, working with others/teams, managing and planning, vision

PSC helps students hone these skills through a series of aligned assessments that use a range of formative and summative, evidence-based assessment techniques to evaluate students' proficiency in each skill area.

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