



KITS WORK READINESS TOOLKIT

Module 3: Professional Skills Mastery

Objective

To equip participants with essential professional skills including communication, productivity, emotional intelligence, and conflict management, so they can perform effectively and build positive workplace relationships.

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Facilitator / Participant Guide Note

Purpose:

This module can be completed independently. Follow each step, complete the worksheets honestly, and engage with journaling prompts. The exercises are **practical and reflective**, fostering skill development even without a live facilitator.

How to Use This Module:

- Complete each worksheet thoughtfully and honestly.
- Reflect on journaling prompts and document insights.
- Review your responses weekly to track growth.

Outcome:

By completing this module, participants will improve professional skills, enhance interpersonal effectiveness, manage time efficiently, and develop emotional intelligence and conflict resolution capability.

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1. Communication & Interpersonal Effectiveness

"The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said." – Peter Drucker

Learning Note:

Effective communication goes beyond words; it's about clarity, active listening, empathy, and relationship-building. Strong interpersonal skills enhance teamwork and professional influence.

Activity – Communication Self-Assessment Worksheet:

Statement	Rating (1-5)	Notes / Example
I listen actively and ask clarifying questions		
I communicate ideas clearly and concisely		
I adapt my communication style to different people		
I handle difficult conversations professionally		

Reflection Prompts:

- How would colleagues describe my communication style?
- Which communication habit could I improve immediately?

Journaling Prompt:

"Describe a recent interaction where communication went well or poorly. What would I do differently next time?"

2. Time Management & Productivity Frameworks

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities."
– Stephen Covey

Learning Note:

Time is your most valuable resource. Using frameworks to plan, prioritize, and focus ensures that your energy and attention are spent on what truly matters.

Activity – Daily Time Audit Worksheet:

Instructions: Track your activities for one day and note how long each takes.

Activity	Duration	Importance (High/Medium/Low)	Notes

Reflection Prompts:

- Which tasks consumed the most time but added the least value?
- What changes can I make to focus on high-impact tasks?

3. Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace

"Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize, understand, and manage our own emotions, and recognize, understand, and influence the emotions of others."

– Daniel Goleman

Learning Note:

High emotional intelligence improves collaboration, leadership, and adaptability. Understanding your own emotions and those of others helps manage stress and maintain professionalism.

Activity – Emotional Awareness Worksheet:

- Identify recent workplace situations and your emotional responses.
- Rate your response: 1 (reactive) – 5 (thoughtful/professional)

Situation	Emotion Felt	Response Rating	Alternative Response

Reflection Prompts:

- Which emotions do I struggle to manage at work?
- How can I respond more constructively in high-stress situations?

4. Negotiation & Conflict Resolution

"Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional." – Max Lucado

Learning Note:

Conflict is natural in any workplace. Negotiation and resolution skills enable you to address issues constructively, maintain relationships, and reach mutually beneficial outcomes.

Activity – Conflict Resolution Scenario Worksheet:

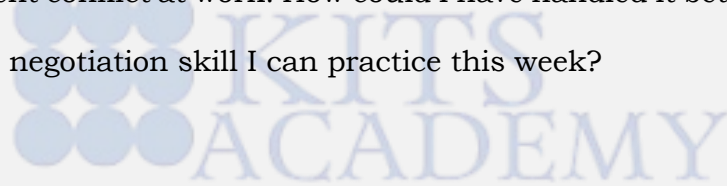
- Scenario 1: A teammate disagrees with your proposed solution. How do you respond?
- Scenario 2: You need to negotiate a deadline extension with your manager.

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Identify the issue clearly.
2. Separate facts from emotions.
3. Explore possible solutions.
4. Agree on next steps or compromises.

Reflection Prompt:

- Recall a recent conflict at work. How could I have handled it better using these steps?
- What is one negotiation skill I can practice this week?



5. Wrap-Up & Reflection

Key Takeaways:

- Mastery of communication and interpersonal skills
- Effective time management and productivity strategies
- Awareness and control of emotions in professional settings
- Ability to resolve conflicts and negotiate professionally

Action Steps:

1. Apply one communication or emotional intelligence insight daily.
2. Perform a weekly time audit to improve focus and priorities.
3. Practice one conflict resolution or negotiation technique in your interactions this week.

