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Learning Activity 3.2 Skill inventory exercise

Rate your proficiency levels for each of these skills (beginner/intermediate/advanced). There are helpful steps to help you enhance each still you rate.

1. Building positive relationships

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Engage in active listening during conversations.
- Participate in group activities or study groups.
- Seek opportunities for mentorship and collaboration.

2. Task management

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Use a planner or digital tool to record deadlines.
- Break down larger tasks into smaller steps.
- Set clear goals and timelines for each task.

3. Self-Management

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Develop a routine that includes breaks and self-care.
- Set realistic and achievable personal goals.
- Practice mindfulness or meditation to help manage stress.

4. Time management

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Create a weekly schedule that includes study, work and leisure time.
- Identify time wasting activities and work to reduce them.
- Set specific time blocks for focused study without distractions.

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5. Research

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Familiarise yourself with academic databases and research tools.
- Check sources for relevance and peer review.
- Develop a systematic approach to note taking and organising your information.

6. Collaboration

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Be open to participate in group projects and contribute to the group.
- Practice open and respectful communication with others.
- Develop skills in conflict resolution and negotiation.

7. Flexibility

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Embrace change and seek opportunities for growth.
- Developing coping strategies for handling unexpected challenges.
- Reflect on past experiences of change and identity lessons that you have learned.

8. Problem solving

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Practice breaking down complex problems into smaller components.
- Explore multiple solutions before deciding on the best approach.
- Reflect on problem-solving successes and areas of improvement.

9. Self-Reflection

Rating: (beginner/intermediate/advanced)

Steps to Enhance:

- Set aside time for self-reflection and journaling.
- Seek feedback from peers and lecturers on your progress and growth.
- Use self-reflection to inform your personal and academic development plans.

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