

Kevin Coleman's Top 10 Skills for Accounting Students

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General

1. Writing skills
2. Presentation skills
 - a. Ability to verbalize your thoughts.
 - b. Not necessarily formal presentation skills.
3. Ability to think on your own – Critical thinking skills.

Accounting Related

4. Basic knowledge of accounting – Double-entry accounting
 - a. Understanding the meaning of the numbers on the financial statements
 - b. Motivations of management to manipulate the numbers
5. Auditing concepts
 - a. Professional skepticism
 - b. Gathering evidence

Information Technology

6. Application development and architecture
 - a. Programming logic
 - b. Understanding of system's processes
7. Databases
 - a. Architecture
 - b. Functionality
 - c. Development
8. Networking concepts
 - a. TCP/IP
9. ERP
 - a. System independence
10. IT operations
 - a. Help desk
 - b. Operations
 - c. Macro process view