Selling Social Work Skills in Job Interviews

Social workers applying for a job in a nontraditional or business setting may find themselves in competition with candidates with more experience or education in a given field. If you are applying for a job in a nontraditional setting, highlight the following transferable skills to underscore the potential value you bring to a workplace:



Collaboration

the patience and vision to bring people together with opposing viewpoints, build connections, resolve conflict and foster healthy relationships.



the ability to find commonalities around goals and identify paths to achieve those goals among groups of people.



Facilitation

the skill to improve engagement among project stakeholders and enhance each person's connection to the overall mission and goals of the organization.

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