

Career Development and The Importance of Communication Skills in A Global Context

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Collaborative teaching can be defined as “two or more people sharing responsibility for educating some or all of the students in a classroom” (Villa, Thousand & Nevin, 2008, p. 5). APB UiTM Negeri Sembilan Kuala Pilah branch did an international webinar with Jane Mendita from Toronto, Canada last 19 April 2021 at 10am-12pm via Webex and Facebook live. Our target audiences were ELC590 and ELC650 students.



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This webinar has pushed the boundaries in teaching; what was not thought of before the pandemic is now part of our new teaching norm. By collaborating with international lecturers, we could create a “school without walls” at the international level.

A bit of background regarding our speaker Ms Jane Mendita:

- She is a Career Development Practitioner with more than ten years of experience in Career and Employment Counselling
- She holds a Career and Work Counsellor Postgrad from George Brown College (with Honours).
- She spends her free time working on arts and crafts, exploring various mediums such as Resin Art, photography, acrylic painting and Rock Carving.
- She loves travelling, which allows her to capture moments with family and friends. Because of her love of photography, she would capture something that draws her attention and enables her to transform it into art pieces.

The objectives of this webinar:

- To increase confidence in communicating in a global context
- To share with the students’ what talents they have to offer in the job market
- To know which areas audience need to strengthen
- To introduce ways to be more confident in interviews
- To create clearer goals
- To introduce an expanded life/work option

Your knowledge, Skills and Abilities
and
Employability Skills
=
TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS



Skills used that can be used in a variety of settings

DREAM
EXPLORE
TAKE ACTION



*“the only way to do great work is to love what you do. if you haven't found it yet, keep looking. don't settle.”
— steve jobs*

Career is a lifestyle concept that involves the sequence of occupations, whether paid or unpaid, in which one engages throughout a lifetime, including work, learning and leisure activities. We wanted our students to know that career development needs planning. They should be career-ready once they graduate from UiTM.

Career Development

Career Planning
Career Readiness



Career Readiness

The attainment and demonstration of requisite competencies that broadly prepare college/university graduates for a successful transition into the workplace

Reference: McGill University/Career Readiness

In the collaborative sharing, our students were taught how to plan their careers. Career planning is a lifelong process that focuses on making choices to help manage work and personal life. Good career planning requires information about oneself, the world of work and commitment. Students learned that career planning could help them in the preparation to enter the workforce, withstand and deal with changing workplace demands or trends, and finally plan for career advancement.

Indeed, the collaboration with Ms Jane taught our students about career development and the importance of communication skills in the global context. Knowledge knows no bounds; from Malaysia to Canada, our students were able to grasp priceless knowledge. We are looking forward to more collaboration both locally and internationally for a better tomorrow. Stay safe, everyone.