Cluster your experience!

To make your resume really stand out, consider grouping similar experiences under specific section headings. This way your resume will be more targeted towards your particular skills and will highlight your accomplishments and experience within a specific area. It is much more interesting than just having a "Work Experience" and a "Volunteer Experience" section. The type of experience you have gained is more important than whether or not you were paid for it. Also note that you may need to add "-Related" to the end of a category name so you are able to honestly fit more in that category. For example, working at a reception desk in a law office may not be "Legal Experience", but could be included in "Law-Related Experience".

Common general headings

Career ObjectiveRelevant CourseworkSkills / StrengthsInterestsActivitiesMembershipsLicenses / CertificatesComputer SkillsGlobal Profile

Experience (Professional or Related)

Education (Honors, Awards, Scholarships, or Fellowships)

Types of paid / unpaid experience

Administrative Experience
Community Organizing
Cross-Cultural Experience
Event Planning
Classroom Teaching
Community Service
Counseling Experience
Editorial Experience
Editorial Experience
Fundraising Experience
Fundraising Experience
Human Resources Experience

International Experience Leadership Experience Managerial Experience

Marketing Experience Market Research Performing and Visual Arts

Program Design / Development Project Experience Promotion and Publicity

Public Relations Experience Public Speaking Experience Records Management Experience

Research Experience Research and Writing Supervision and Training

Technology Experience Writing and Editing

Professional activities

Conferences Attended Professional Affiliations Professional Associations

Professional Development (workshops, trainings, and conferences you've attended)

Professional Presentations and Trainings (you've given)

Publications (complete or in progress)

Technical experience

Computer Skills Laboratory Techniques Language Skills

Multi-media Skills Technical Skills Information Technology Expertise

Additional ideas

Campus Involvement and Service Community Activities Entrepreneurial Achievements
Experience With Children Military Experience Professional Experience
Marketing Projects Research Projects Senior Research Project

Senior Thesis Volunteer Activities