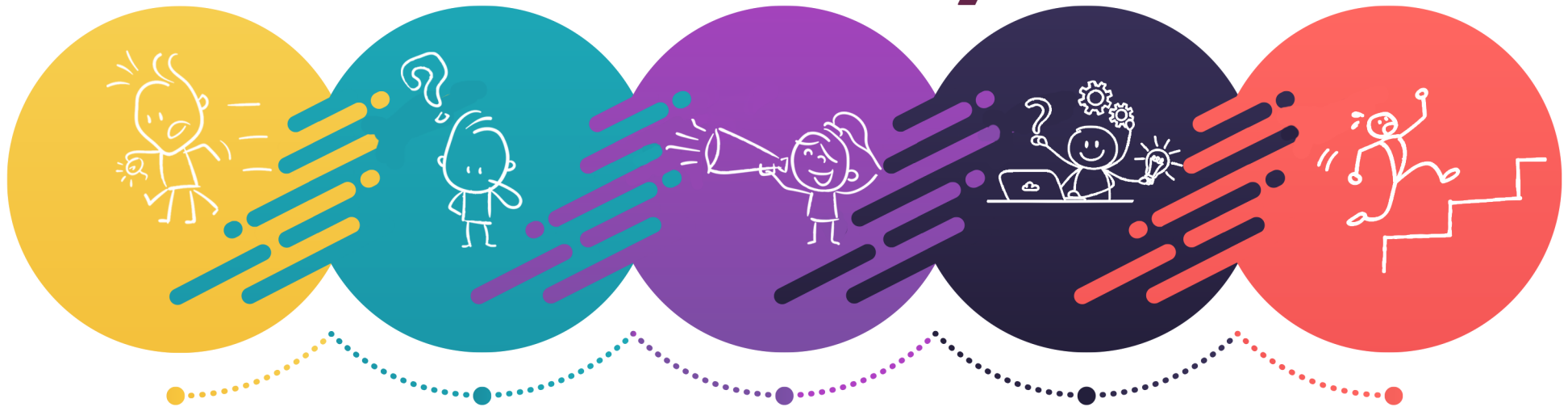


# Soft Skills Key to Success in SD Postsecondary Education



## Time Management

80.5% of postsecondary institutions indicate students lack skills necessary to appropriately manage time.

*"There will be many due dates and assignments to manage. Budgeting your time and making sure that assignments are turned in is very important."*

## Problem Solving

70.1% of postsecondary institutions notice students struggle figuring out what to do when something isn't going well with a course, roommate, etc.

*"Talking to your instructors, letting them know when you have a problem before an assignment is due, is much easier than after a deadline is missed."*

## Communication

66.2% of postsecondary institutions indicate that students don't reach out to faculty/staff when they need assistance.

*"Create positive relationships with your classmates and teachers by learning how to communicate effectively in person, via email and the phone."*

## Organization

66.2% of postsecondary institutions notice students lack preparation in order to meet deadlines within courses.

*"Your hand is not held in the real world. Learning to organize yourself and stay on task is crucial."*

## Perseverance

57.1% of postsecondary institutions responded that students had a hard time recovering from failing a test.

*"When things get difficult, persist! Don't quit. Ask for help!"*



## TEAM WORK

Top soft skill postsecondary institutions notice that students sufficiently display.



## Soft Skills Students Lack Most by Institution Type

Cosmetology Institutions  
 - Time Management  
 Technical Colleges  
 - Time Management

Private Colleges and Universities  
 - Communication, Perseverance,  
 Problem Solving, &  
 Time Management

Public Universities  
 - Communication

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