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The Integration of Soft Skills in Professional Education: Exploring the Importance of Communication, Teamwork, and Interpersonal Skills in Professional Training and the Methods Used to Incorporate them into Educational Programs

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Abstract: The integration of soft skills, encompassing communication, teamwork, and adaptability, is of paramount importance in modern professional education. This study explores the significance of these skills and the methods used to incorporate them into educational programs. Through a mixed-methods approach, including surveys and interviews, we assess perceptions, examine correlations with job performance, and identify the most emphasized soft skills. Our findings highlight a consensus among stakeholders on the importance of soft skills, positive correlations with job performance, and an emphasis on specific skills in educational programs. Recommendations include faculty development, curriculum enhancement, resource allocation, cultural change, continuous assessment, and cross-functional collaboration. These insights inform the ongoing discourse on the integration of soft skills in professional education, offering actionable strategies for better preparing individuals for success in the contemporary workforce.

Keywords: Soft Skills, Professional Education, Integration, Perceptions, Job Performance, Recommendations

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