

# NAVIGATING YOUR PERSONAL ROADMAP

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the curve!

The skill sets required for the auditor of the future are always evolving. Working with your professors, use this roadmap to better understand what activities and courses you need to become a successful auditor.

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SKILLS THAT  
LEAD TO  
ENDLESS  
OPPORTUNITIES

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# MINDSET

## Analytic Mindset

- ▶ Ability to visualize, articulate, conceptualize, or solve both complex and simple problems by making decisions that are sensible given the available information
- ▶ Ability to identify trends through analysis of data/information

## Global Mindset

- ▶ Openness to and awareness of diversity across cultures and markets
- ▶ Set of qualities and attributes that help managers influence individuals, groups, and organizations from other parts of the world

## Growth Mindset

- ▶ Recognition that abilities and intelligence can be developed
- ▶ Possession of the desire to develop intellectual curiosity

## Innovative Mindset

- ▶ Exhibits entrepreneurial characteristics (e.g., has the ability to generate creative or novel solutions to problems; can see the big picture; takes initiative)
- ▶ Views issues from multiple perspectives
- ▶ Demonstrates agility and adaptability

# BEHAVIORS

## Professional Skepticism

- ▶ Having a questioning mind; being alert to conditions that may indicate a possible misstatement; a critical assessment of the audit evidence

## Critical Thinking

- ▶ Ability to objectively analyze the evidence to form a judgment

## Logic

- ▶ Uses clear, logical steps and excellent judgment to understand an issue from all angles before executing an action

## Lifelong Learning

- ▶ Desires to learn; views effort as a path to mastering new knowledge/intelligence; applies and adapts learning to different situations

## Embraces Challenges

- ▶ Resilience and perseverance in the face of obstacles

## Adaptability to New Situations

- ▶ Adapts to ever-evolving situations (e.g., new technologies and methodologies) in a dynamic profession such as public company auditing

## Adaptability When Interacting with Others

- ▶ Adapts style to be more effective when interacting with others (e.g., is an active listener; communicates well both verbally and orally; works well on teams)

## Cultural Awareness

- ▶ Develops understanding of cultural norms in other countries/regions and recognizes one's cultural values and biases

## Curiosity

- ▶ Searches for information, ideas, and solutions

## Leadership

- ▶ Ability to delegate, inspire/motivate, and communicate effectively with others

# KNOWLEDGE

## Proficiency in Accounting and Auditing

- ▶ Knowledge of fundamentals of accounting (financial, managerial, and cost accounting; tax; financial reporting systems; accounting information systems)
- ▶ Knowledge of business concepts
- ▶ Knowledge of business processes and controls
- ▶ Knowledge of GAAP, GAAS, and other relevant authoritative literature
- ▶ Knowledge that leads students to be "CPA-ready"

## Technology

- ▶ Programming skills (e.g. Excel, Tableau, Python, SQL, etc.)
- ▶ Data analytics
- ▶ Data visualization
- ▶ Advanced statistical analysis
- ▶ Database management software
- ▶ Enterprise resource planning systems

## Psychology

- ▶ Understanding of human behavior in a given context
- ▶ Emotional intelligence
- ▶ Understanding and ability to pick up on social cues
- ▶ Understanding of judgment traps and biases

## Communication

- ▶ Communication for accountants/business majors
- ▶ Presentation/PowerPoint skills

The workbook version of this personal roadmap can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/y5demp6>