

## CamSTAR – Quick Start Guide

This guide highlights some of the tools that will prepare you to excel during your next interview. If you have any questions about the skills you are learning in your courses, talk with one of your instructors, or contact the good folks at career services.

- 1 Start here! This six-minute video tells you why STAR stories are important.
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Link to: [3.2 Video: The STAR Story Technique](#)

- 2 Familiarize yourself with the 10 professional skills employers want you to have.
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Link to: [Review Section 2.3 Understanding Professional Skills & Behaviours](#)

- 3 The links below have examples of complete STAR stories for your reference.
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Link to: [Table of Professional Skills and Behaviours \(see materials tab\)](#) and [slide shows \(sections 3.3 & 3.4\)](#)

- 4 Once you have reviewed the 10 professional skills, have a look at the self-assessment. For some of you, this will be the first time you have thought of yourself as someone with professional skills. If this is confusing for you, please consult with Career Services, an instructor and/or a mentor for assistance.
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Link to: [Section 2.4 Self Assessment of Professional Skills](#)

- 5 Which one of the professional skills do you have a STAR story about? We recommend choosing one from each of the Skills Sections (for example: personal, interpersonal) for a total of four:
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- 6 Complete one STAR story. Then, share it with a friend or call Career Services to review and provide feedback. For example: Personal Skills, Initiative.
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Link to: [Section 4.2 Activity: Use the STAR Story Tool](#)

- 6.1 Enter the completed/edited STAR story into your STAR [Reflective Story File Template](#).

Once you have completed the above activities, you will have a solid start in preparation for any interview. The interview may be for a summer job, a work experience position, to get into a university program or to begin your career in the field of your choice.

CamSTAR works on your mobile phone or tablet. Therefore, you can draft STAR stories at any time: when you've had an opportunity to demonstrate a skill in class or in the workplace.