Technical vs. Transferable Skills

Technical Skills	Transferable Skills
(Examples) • Developing film • Taking blood pressure • Changing motor oil • Programming in C++ • Piloting an airplane • Taking soil samples • Operating a TV station sound system • Filing documents • Keeping accurate bookkeeping records • Cleaning a patient's teeth	*(Examples)* • Verbal Communication Skills • Written Communication Skills • Interpersonal Skills • Critical Thinking Skills • Multicultural Skills • Leadership Skills • Problem Solving Skills • Math and Language Skills • Basic Computer Skills
These skills are: • Specific to a given job. • Require technical skill or knowledge	**These skills are:** • Flexible and wide-ranging! You take them with you when you change jobs or careers. • Highly valued by practically <u>all</u> employers.
Community Colleges and Technical Schools are primary places that provide "technical training programs" in career specific areas. Associate Degrees (two year programs) or Certificates (less than two years) are typically available.	Most universities emphasize a broad based education with a focus on developing the skills listed above. That's why you frequently see the phrase "<u>Bachelor's Degree Required</u>" in employment listings. *In general, you develop these skills through the process of getting your Bachelor's Degree -* <u>no</u> matter what your major!