

Speaking to the Skills I Have Online Workshop Module 2 & Handout 2

Transferability of Skills

Because skills are transferable there are opportunities to look at other occupations where those skills would be desired and a good fit.

A research project in Australia identified that “when a person trains for 1 job, they actually gain the skills for around 13 other jobs because employers demand similar skills in many jobs”.

The skills they are referring to would be the Essential Skills and Personal Management Basics (PMBs).

Teachers are another example where skills are transferable to another job other than teaching.

Teachers are often desired as project managers by employers. It is not their teaching skills an employer wants but rather their project management skills. A teacher basically runs a project from September to June every year.

The teacher knows what must be accomplished from September to June for a student to be able to pass to the next grade.

A project manager is given a project with a start date, an end date and is told what the end goal of the project must be.