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My Employability Development Journey: Student Handout

Where am I starting?

Choose whichever statement applies best to you right now and write START in the right hand column.

UNAWARE	I am not really familiar with the idea of 'employability' or how it is useful to	
	me	
UNSURE	I understand what employability is, but don't know how my academic	
	learning develops it	
EXPLORING	I am beginning to understand how my knowledge, attributes, skills and	
	experience are developed through my academic learning	
DEVELOPING	I can identify how my knowledge, attributes, skills and experience are	
	developing, and know which areas I want to develop more	
CONFIDENT	I am confident identifying what knowledge, attributes, skills and experience I	
	have developed through my academic learning, and how to articulate what is	
	relevant for my next career step	

Where am I going?

Now set a goal for developing your employability through this academic learning. Select a statement later in the sequence than your starting point and write GOAL in the right hand column. This is your personal goal and you won't be assessed on whether you reach it or not. Setting goals helps you identify what you want to achieve, and helps you recognise your progress in developing your employability whether that is through this curriculum learning, or across the many other things you do in your academic learning and beyond.

How am I doing?

During this activity or course, you will have the opportunity to reflect on the questions below, which will help you make progress on your employability development journey. This might happen on your own, with an academic, with a peer, or with a careers professional to understand the progress you are making in developing your employability through your academic learning:

- Which areas of my knowledge, attributes, skills and experience have I started to develop through my academic learning?
- Which are the elements I enjoy developing?
- Are there any elements I feel are more difficult to develop?
- What challenges have I faced to understanding that I develop my employability through my academic learning?
- How am I developing my employability through other parts of my course?
- How might understanding my employability help me explore or plan my next career step?
- What areas of my employability would I like to develop further outside my academic learning?
- What barriers have I experienced so far in my journey to employment?
- What opportunities do I anticipate in my future journey to employment?
- What barriers do I anticipate in my future journey to employment?
- How can I use this experience to help me achieve other goals for my transition to work?

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