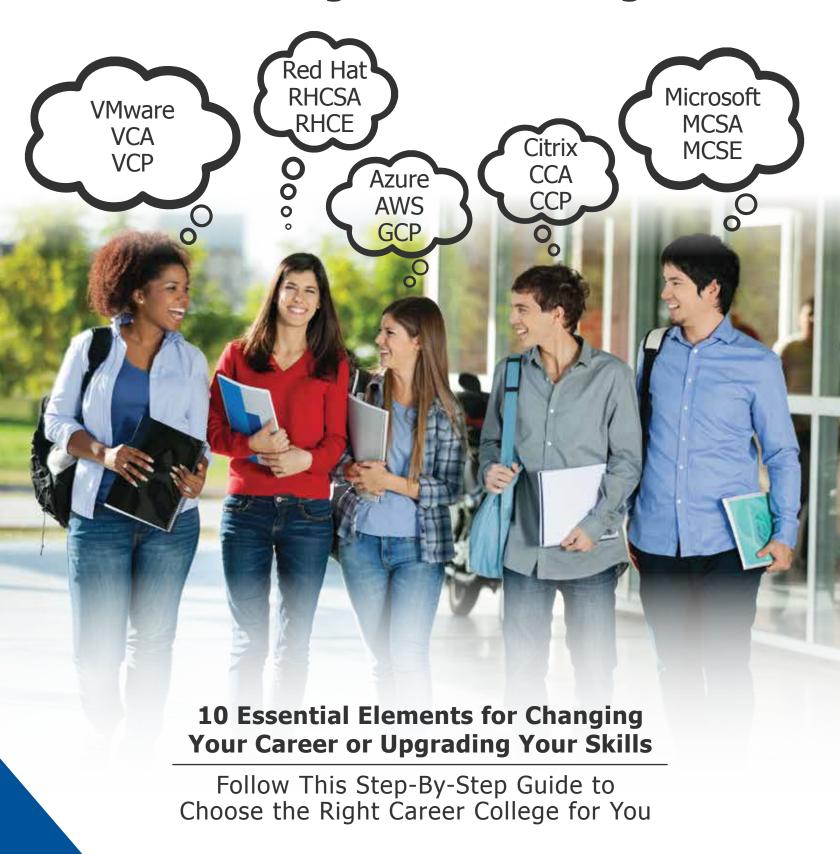


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# **Top 10 Tips to Consider**

Choosing a new career is a life-changing decision, and so is choosing the right college. The right college can help you gain the skills you need to launch a successful career. Before you select your career college, be sure to examine your options closely. Ask questions. Compare services. Below, you will find 10 essential elements you should look for in a career college.

#### Hands-On Courses

Colleges that provide hands-on courses offer an invaluable advantage, especially when you are training to use today's technologies. For many people, the best way to learn is by doing, rather than only studying theoretical knowledge and information. Make sure you look for a college that gives you supplementary hands-on courses that teach more than just the basics. Not only will hands-on training give you the skills you need for your career, it will give you a tremendous amount of confidence and a competitive edge when you begin your career.

#### 2 Job Ready Within 12 Months

Make sure to join a college that gives you the skills you will need when you join the workforce. Your college should not force you to take courses that do not relate to the job you are pursuing. You should be able to focus on programs that will give you the exact skills you need to get employed by the time you graduate. This way, you can start earning money right away by applying the skills you learned in your program to the real world.

#### 3 Experienced and Certified Instructors

Look for colleges whose instructors are knowledgeable, passionate, creative, flexible and able to connect with students. Instructors should have real-world industry experience. Through their own experience in overcoming obstacles and developing successful careers, instructors gain the insight needed to serve as a mentor and a coach to their students. There is no better way to become successful than to learn from someone who has built their own successful career.

#### 4 Seminars and Networking Events

Networking events and seminars enable students to connect with one another to exchange job information, share valuable professional contacts, and build lifelong personal and professional bonds. Statistics show that most people find their first job through a personal connection. Be sure to look for a college that promotes networking so you can make the connections you need to be successful in your field.

#### Up-to-Date Curriculums

Look for colleges that frequently update their curriculums as per the job market. It is important that you get the most up-to-date skills and information from your courses in order to give yourself a competitive edge when you are looking for a job.

#### 6 Official Private Career College Status

Colleges that are registered as private career colleges under the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* enable students to use financial aid services, and their programs are globally recognized.

#### Course Repetition

Colleges that offer free course repetition are hard to find. This allows you to solidify your knowledge or refresh your skills by retaking courses as you see fit. As you compare course repetition policies, make sure you look for colleges that offer this option at no additional cost to you.

#### 8 Financial Support

One of the biggest stresses of training for a new career is the financial burden. Look for colleges whose programs qualify for various government and loan programs to help ease the financial stress. Ask about the colleges' financial aid programs, and look for colleges that will help you navigate private and public funding sources.

#### Career Services

Launching a new career requires more than upgrading your professional skills; you need job-hunting skills that will help you jump-start a successful career. Look for colleges with programs that include professional skills, such as résumé writing, design and development, and interview preparation. Having career services built into your college can eliminate a considerable amount of stress you may face when seeking employment after graduation.

#### 10 Instructor-Led Courses

Make sure you are able to get guidance from instructors instead of just reading from your books or doing your own research. It is important to learn from instructors because they can answer questions, provide feedback, and encourage interaction and participation.



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Benefits	NetSoft College of Technology	Other Colleges
Hands-On Courses	Yes Build the Skills You Will Need in Your IT Career Through Real-World Applications  NetSoft combines formal educational methods, such as lectures, with real-world application and hands-on experiences.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Job Ready Within 12 Months	Yes <b>Graduate and Enter the Workforce Within 12 Months</b> NetSoft's programs are structured so that you can graduate with a diploma and join the workforce in one year or less, which allows you to pay back debts faster and begin your career sooner.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Experienced and Certified Instructors	Yes Learn from Industry-Experienced and Certified Instructors  NetSoft's instructors have extensive real-world experience as IT industry professionals. All instructors are Microsoft, Citrix, VMware, CompTIA, Oracle, PMP, SAP, Linux and SCO certified.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Seminars and Networking Events	Yes Create a Professional Network with Free Seminars and Events  NetSoft offers free seminars that cover a wide range of topics including career services and personal development. NetSoft provides various networking events to encourage students to network with successful alumni to help them with their job hunt.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Up-to-Date Curriculums	Yes <b>Study Industry-Recognized Curriculums</b> NetSoft's curriculum is updated frequently to stay aligned with the demands of the IT industry. NetSoft's instructors develop course programs that result in certifications, giving graduates more credibility and recognition in the job market.	☐ Yes ☐ No



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Official Private Career College Status	Yes <b>Graduate with a Globally Recognized Diploma</b> NetSoft is registered as a private career college under the <i>Private Career Colleges Act, 2005,</i> and programs offered by  NetSoft are recognized worldwide.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Course Repetition	Yes <b>Gain Confidence with Free Course Repetitions</b> NetSoft allows students to repeat courses at no cost. Please note that in the unlikely event that course prices or materials change, students are required to pay the difference.	□ Yes □ No
Financial Support	Yes <b>Fund Your New Career with Easy Financing</b> NetSoft, in addition to various government programs, can help you finance your education over the course of your program. NetSoft can also recommend banks to assist you with loans for tuition fees. Most loans will be arranged as a student line of credit. NetSoft provides further financial support options; please refer to our Financial Aid guide for more information.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Career Services	Yes Get the Job-Seeking Skills You Need to Launch Your Career  NetSoft's career services enable students to find their dream jobs quickly. NetSoft offers a Hire Me (Career and Employment Strategies) course to teach students how to create effective résumés and prepare them for the toughest interviews.	□ Yes □ No
Instructor-Led Courses	Yes Participate in 100% Instructor-Led Classes  NetSoft's classes provide more opportunities for participation, and encourage students to interact with their classmates and instructors.	☐ Yes ☐ No