



6 Tips to Future-Proof Your Career

Your Future, Your Choice

The world of work is changing faster than ever. These six tips will help you stay in demand — whatever path you choose.

- 1 Build in-demand skills**
Your qualification gets you the interview — your **skills** get you the job. Almost 40% of today's skills will change by 2030, so never stop learning.
World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report (2025)
- 2 AI replaces tasks, not jobs**
Let AI handle the repetitive work — you stay the one in charge. Use it as a tool, not a replacement. Be ethical, and be academically honest.
World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report (2025)
- 3 Study a job in demand**
South Africa needs data scientists, nurses, engineers, electricians and plumbers. Or build your own path — the NYDA offers non-repayable grants up to **R200,000** for youth-owned businesses.
Dept. of Higher Education & Training (2024); World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report (2025)
- 4 Grow your mindset**
Your brain is not fixed. Add one word to anything you can't do — **YET**. Every time you practise, your brain physically grows stronger.
Dweck, C. S. (2006). Mindset: The New Psychology of Success. Random House.
- 5 Have grit**
Passion and perseverance predict success better than talent or IQ. It's not about being the cleverest — it's about not giving up. Run your marathon, not a sprint.
Duckworth, A. (2016). Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance. Scribner.
- 6 Know your values, goals and habits**
Your values are your compass. Set **SMART** goals — Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timeous. Then build the daily habits that carry you there — CreatU uses **ShadowMatch** to help you understand and shape them. Your habits decide your future.
Values: Brown, B. (2018). Dare to Lead. Random House. · SMART: Doran, G. T. (1981). Management Review.

The Cherry on Top — the world wants you

Here's something few people tell you: the world's top universities want students from South Africa — they value your grit, and some of the very best will even cover your full costs if they choose you. It's a rigorous, personal journey, and not one you walk alone. **This is exactly what CreatU is here for — contact us to find out more.**