

Registered Apprenticeship Academy Resource Document

Networking as an Apprentice

As a registered apprentice, you've probably heard advice on the importance of networking. **Networking** is the active practice of building professional relationships in your career field. Try these networking tips to make the most of your time as an apprentice.

Tip 1: Connect with colleagues at all levels.

- Saying hello and taking an interest in your peer's work can make a lasting impression.
- Always respect others' time and responsibilities by asking if they have a minute for a question before launching into your request.

Tip 2: Get to know the organization.

- Understand how the different roles work together.
- Ask questions and actively listen to understand how your work fits your team's goals.
- The more you know, the quicker you feel connected to your work and role.

Tip 3: Join professional organizations.

- Seek opportunities to join professional organizations and attend industry events.
- This is a great way to demonstrate that you are a dedicated and motivated employee to your organization.

Tip 4: Offer help.

- As an apprentice, you are learning, but you also have strengths.
- Helping others can be a great way to build connections and contribute positively to the organization.
- Consider offering up your support if it's appropriate.

Summary

View every interaction as a networking opportunity. Keep track of your own goals for networking. Put your best self forward in all your interactions with everyone you encounter in the organization. Which of these tips will you try today? For more information about how to succeed in your registered apprenticeship, visit the [Registered Apprenticeship Academy](#).

