## Quick Tips for Building a Successful Resume

- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  The sections you should include are:
  - Name/Contact Info
  - Education
  - Career History
  - o Skills
- √ Instead of an objective, try instead to include a brief "profile" at the top where you highlight a few of your most important skills and accomplishments that you're proud of.
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Use bullet points and avoid using paragraphs or long text-heavy descriptions.
- $\checkmark$  Use a font size that is large enough to be easily read 12 points is good.
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Resumes do not need to be only one page. A two-page resume is fine.
- √ Never include personal information on your resume. Information about your family, religion, sexual preference, country of origin or marital status should not be on your resume.
- √ Have a professional sounding email address for your contact NOT <u>blondie@aol.com</u> or hotstud@yahoo.com
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Have someone else proof your résumé do not rely solely on a computer's spell-check.
- √ Avoid using a PDF or your resume. While it may look nice, most organizations use an applicant tracking system (ATS) to receive and review resumes and not all ATS's can scan a PDF for information, so you should use a .docs format.