

Paths and Core Competencies

The Toastmasters Pathways learning experience was developed around the five core competencies identified by the Board of Directors.

FIVE CORE COMPETENCIES

It is important to note that each member using Base Camp will have the opportunity to select from many electives to extend their learning. With the addition of electives, members have the flexibility to cover all core competencies within each path.



11 PATHS

The primary core competencies represented in each path are listed in order of emphasis next to the path name.

Ð	Dynamic Leadership Build strategic leadership and conflict resolution skills	1235
	Effective Coaching	1245
AR COLOR	Build interpersonal communication, leadership, and coaching skills	
	Engaging Humor	1 5
	Build public speaking and speech writing skills	
	Innovative Planning	1 4 2 5
	Build creative project management and communication skills	
	Leadership Development	1245
110	Build communication and leadership skills	
	Motivational Strategies	1235
	Build motivational leadership and communication skills	
	Persuasive Influence	1 3 2 5
	Build skills to lead in complex situations	
	Presentation Mastery	1 5
	Build public speaking skills	
	Strategic Relationships	1235
J.	Build networking, leadership, and communication skills	
5-12 A.	Team Collaboration	1 4 2 5
	Build collaborative leadership skills	
	Visionary Communication	1 3 2 5
R	Build innovative communication and leadership skills	





DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

This path helps you build your skills as a strategic leader. The projects on this path focus on understanding leadership and communication styles, the effect of conflict on a group, and the skills needed to defuse and direct conflict. These projects also emphasize the development of strategies to facilitate change in an organization or group, interpersonal communication, and public speaking. This path culminates in a project focused on applying your leadership skills.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Understanding Your Communication Style
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge		Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Negotiate the Best Outcome	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor 	
	Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
	Manage Change	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
	Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
	• Lead in Any Situation	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	 Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
	Path Completion • Reflect on Your Path	 Moderate a Parier Discussion Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	Prepare to Speak Professionally





EFFECTIVE COACHING

This path helps you build your skills as a positive communicator and leader. The projects on this path focus on understanding and building consensus, contributing to the development of others by coaching, and establishing strong public speaking skills. Each project emphasizes the importance of effective interpersonal communication. This path culminates in a "High Performance Leadership" project of your design.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Understanding Your Communication Style
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge		Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Reaching Consensus	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor 	
Building Skills		Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
4=	Improvement Through Positive Coaching	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
	Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
5	High Performance Leadership	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	 Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
	Path CompletionReflect on Your Path	Ethical Leadership	Prepare to Speak Professionally





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ENGAGING HUMOR

This path helps you build your skills as an accomplished public speaker. The projects on this path focus on learning how an audience responds to different types of humor and improving your ability to deliver a message with humor. The projects contribute to developing an understanding of effective public speaking technique, speech writing, speech delivery, and using humorous stories. This path culminates in an extended speech that will allow you to apply what you learned.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Know Your Sense of Humor
- Connect With Your Audience
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge	Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Engage Your Audience with Humor	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening
Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
• The Power of Humor in an Impromptu Speech	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Write a Compelling Blog Manage Online Meetings 	 Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully Managing a Difficult Audience
Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
Deliver Your Message with Humor	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	 Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
Path Completion Reflect on Your Path	 Moderate a Parter Discussion Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	Prepare to Speak Professionally







INNOVATIVE PLANNING

This path helps you build your skills as a public speaker and leader. The projects on this path focus on developing a strong connection with audience members when you present, speech writing, and speech delivery. The projects contribute to building an understanding of the steps to manage a project, as well as creating innovative solutions. This path culminates in a "High Performance Leadership" project of your design.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Connect With Your Audience
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge Present a Proposal	Level 3 Elective Projects (ch • Deliver Social Speeches • Using Presentation Software • Connect with Storytelling • Creating Effective Visual Aids • Using Descriptive Language • Make Connections Through Networking	oose 2) Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor
Building Skills Manage Projects Successfully	 Level 4 Elective Projects (ch Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	oose 1) Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies
Demonstrating Expertise • High Performance Leadership Path Completion	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion • Ethical Leadership	oose 1) Leading in Your Volunteer Organization Prepare to Speak Professionally





LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This path helps you build your skills as an effective communicator and leader. The projects on this path focus on learning how to manage time, as well as how to develop and implement a plan. Public speaking and leading a team are emphasized in all projects. This path culminates in the planning and execution of an event that will allow you to apply everything you learned.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Managing Time
- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

	Increasing Knowledge	Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
3	Planning and Implementing	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor
Building Skills		Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
4=	• Leading Your Team	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
	Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
5	Manage Successful Events	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	 Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
	Path CompletionReflect on Your Path	 • Ethical Leadership • High Performance Leadership 	Prepare to Speak Professionally





MOTIVATIONAL STRATEGIES

This path helps you build your skills as a powerful and effective communicator. The projects focus on learning strategies for building connections with the people around you, understanding motivation, and successfully leading small groups to accomplish tasks. This path culminates in a comprehensive team-building project that brings all of your skills together—including public speaking.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Communication Style
- Active Listening
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge	Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Understanding Emotional Intelligence	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Know Your Sense of Humor
Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
• Motivate Others	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
• Team Building	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
Path Completion Reflect on Your Path	 Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	Prepare to Speak Professionally





PERSUASIVE INFLUENCE

This path helps you build your skills as an innovative communicator and leader. The projects on this path focus on how to negotiate a positive outcome together with building strong interpersonal communication and public speaking skills. Each project emphasizes developing leadership skills to use in complex situations, as well as creating innovative solutions to challenges. This path culminates in a "High Performance Leadership" project of your design.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Active Listening
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge		Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Understanding Conflict Resolution	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Know Your Sense of Humor 	
F	Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
	Leading in Difficult Situations	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
	Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (cho	oose 1)
	High Performance Leadership	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
	Path Completion Reflect on Your Path	Ethical Leadership	Prepare to Speak Professionally





PRESENTATION MASTERY

This path helps you build your skills as an accomplished public speaker. The projects on this path focus on learning how an audience responds to you and improving your connection with audience members. The projects contribute to developing an understanding of effective public speaking technique, including speech writing and speech delivery. This path culminates in an extended speech that will allow you to apply what you learned.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Effective Body Language
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge	Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Persuasive Speaking	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor
Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
• Managing a Difficult Audience	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Write a Compelling Blog Manage Online Meetings 	 Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
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Path Completion Reflect on Your Path	 Moderate a Parter Discussion Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	2. 32.112.0001





STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS

This path helps you build your skills as a leader in communication. The projects on this path focus on understanding diversity, building personal and/or professional connections with a variety of people, and developing a public relations strategy. Communicating well interpersonally and as a public speaker is emphasized in each project. The path culminates in a project to apply your skills as a leader in a volunteer organization.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Cross-Cultural Understanding
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge	Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
Make Connections Through Networking	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Focus on the Positive 	 Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor
Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
• Public Relations Strategies	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Manage Projects Successfully
Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
• Leading in Your Volunteer Organization	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	Prepare to Speak Professionally
Path Completion Reflect on Your Path	 Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	





TEAM COLLABORATION

This path helps you build your skills as a collaborative leader. The projects on this path focus on active listening, motivating others, and collaborating with a team. Each project contributes to building interpersonal communication and public speaking skills. This path culminates in a project focused on applying your leadership skills.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Active Listening
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge		Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
3		 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Know Your Sense of Humor
Building Skills		Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
4=	Motivate Others	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
	Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
5	• Lead in Any Situation	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	 Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
	Path CompletionReflect on Your Path	 Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	Prepare to Speak Professionally





VISIONARY COMMUNICATION

This path helps you build your skills as a strategic communicator and leader. The projects on this path focus on developing your skills for sharing information with a group, planning communications, and creating innovative solutions. Speech writing and speech delivery are emphasized in each project. This path culminates in the development and launch of a long-term personal or professional vision.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Researching and Presenting



- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Understanding Your Communication Style
- Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring

Increasing Knowledge		Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)	
• Develop a Communication Plan	 Deliver Social Speeches Using Presentation Software Connect with Storytelling Creating Effective Visual Aids Using Descriptive Language Connect with Your Audience Make Connections Through Networking 	 Focus on the Positive Inspire Your Audience Prepare for an Interview Understanding Vocal Variety Effective Body Language Active Listening Know Your Sense of Humor 	
	Building Skills	Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)	
4=	Communicate Change	 Create a Podcast Building a Social Media Presence Managing a Difficult Audience Write a Compelling Blog 	 Manage Online Meetings Question-and-Answer Session Public Relations Strategies Manage Projects Successfully
	Demonstrating Expertise	Level 5 Elective Projects (ch	oose 1)
5	Lead in Any Situation	 Lessons Learned Moderate a Panel Discussion 	Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
	Path Completion• Reflect on Your Path	 Ethical Leadership High Performance Leadership 	Prepare to Speak Professionally