

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 members 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.

1

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

3

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP



MANAGEMENT

5

CONFIDENCE

Confidence is unique because it cannot be taught, but is gained in every path.





Paths, Levels, and Electives 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
- Writing a Speech with Purpose
- Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language
- Evaluation and Feedback



Learning Your Style

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



Increasing Knowledge

• Negotiate the Best Outcome

Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)

- · Active Listening
- Connect with Storytelling
- Connect with Your Audience
- Creating Effective Visual Aids
- Deliver Social Speeches
- Effective Body Language
- Focus on the Positive
- Inspire Your Audience

- Know Your Sense of Humor
- Make Connections Through Networking
- Prepare for an Interview
- Understanding Vocal Variety
- Using Descriptive Language
- Using Presentation Software
- Researching and Presenting



Building Skills

• Manage Change

Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)

- Building a Social Media Presence
- Create a Podcast
- Manage Online Meetings
- Manage Projects Successfully
- Managing a Difficult Audience
- Public Relations Strategies
- Question-and-Answer Session
- Write a Compelling Blog



Demonstrating Expertise

• Lead in Any Situation

Path Completion

• Reflect on Your Path

- Ethical Leadership
- High Performance Leadership
- Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
- Lessons Learned
- Moderate a Panel Discussion
- Prepare to Speak Professionally



Paths, Levels, and Electives ENGAGING HUMOR



This path is designed to help you build your skills as a humorous and engaging public speaker. The projects on this path focus on understanding your sense of humor and how that sense of humor translates to engaging audience members. The projects contribute to developing an understanding of how to effectively use humor in a speech, including challenging situations and impromptu speeches. This path culminates in an extended humorous speech that will allow you to apply what you learned.

Five Levels



Mastering Fundamentals

- Ice Breaker
- Writing a Speech with Purpose
- Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language
- Evaluation and Feedback



Learning Your Style

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



Increasing Knowledge

• Engage Your Audience With Humor

Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)

- Active Listening
- · Connect with Storytelling
- Connect with Your Audience
- Creating Effective Visual Aids
- Deliver Social Speeches
- Effective Body Language
- Focus on the Positive
- Inspire Your Audience

- Make Connections Through Networking
- Prepare for an Interview
- Understanding Vocal Variety
- Using Descriptive Language
- Using Presentation Software
- Researching and Presenting



Building Skills

• The Power of Humor in an Impromptu Speech

Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)

- Building a Social Media Presence
- Create a Podcast
- Manage Online Meetings
- Manage Projects Successfully
- Managing a Difficult Audience
- Public Relations Strategies
- Question-and-Answer Session
- Write a Compelling Blog



Demonstrating Expertise

 Deliver Your Message With Humor

Path Completion

• Reflect on Your Path

- Ethical Leadership
- High Performance Leadership
- Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
- Lessons Learned
- Moderate a Panel Discussion
- Prepare to Speak Professionally



Paths, Levels, and Electives 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
- Writing a Speech with Purpose
- Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language
- Evaluation and Feedback



Learning Your Style

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



Increasing Knowledge

• Understanding Emotional Intelligence

Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)

- Connect with Storytelling
- Connect with Your Audience
- Creating Effective Visual Aids
- Deliver Social Speeches
- Effective Body Language
- Focus on the Positive
- Inspire Your Audience

- Know Your Sense of Humor
- Make Connections Through Networking
- Prepare for an Interview
- Understanding Vocal Variety
- Using Descriptive Language
- Using Presentation Software
- Researching and Presenting



Building Skills

Motivate Others

Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)

- Building a Social Media Presence
- Create a Podcast
- Manage Online Meetings
- Manage Projects Successfully
- Managing a Difficult Audience
- Public Relations Strategies
- Question-and-Answer Session
- Write a Compelling Blog



Demonstrating Expertise

Team Building

Path Completion

• Reflect on Your Path

- Ethical Leadership
- High Performance Leadership
- Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
- · Lessons Learned
- Moderate a Panel Discussion
- Prepare to Speak Professionally



Paths, Levels, and Electives 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
- Writing a Speech with Purpose
- Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language
- Evaluation and Feedback



Learning Your Style

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



Increasing Knowledge

• Understanding Conflict Resolution

Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)

- Connect with Storytelling
- Connect with Your Audience
- Creating Effective Visual Aids
- Deliver Social Speeches
- Effective Body Language
- Focus on the Positive
- Inspire Your Audience
- Know Your Sense of Humor

- Make Connections Through Networking
- Prepare for an Interview
- Understanding Vocal Variety
- Using Descriptive Language
- Using Presentation Software
- Researching and Presenting



Building Skills

• Leading in Difficult Situations

Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)

- Building a Social Media Presence
- Create a Podcast
- Manage Online Meetings
- Manage Projects Successfully
- Managing a Difficult Audience
- Public Relations Strategies
- Question-and-Answer Session
- Write a Compelling Blog



Demonstrating Expertise

• High Performance Leadership

Path Completion

• Reflect on Your Path

- Ethical Leadership
- Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
- Lessons Learned

- Moderate a Panel Discussion
- Prepare to Speak Professionally



Paths, Levels, and Electives 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
- Writing a Speech with Purpose
- Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language
- Evaluation and Feedback



Learning Your Style

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



Increasing Knowledge

• Persuasive Speaking

Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)

- Active Listening
- Connect with Storytelling
- Connect with Your Audience
- Creating Effective Visual Aids
- Deliver Social Speeches
- Focus on the Positive
- Inspire Your Audience
- Know Your Sense of Humor

- Make Connections Through Networking
- Prepare for an Interview
- Understanding Vocal Variety
- Using Descriptive Language
- Using Presentation Software
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Building Skills

• Managing a Difficult Audience

Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)

- Building a Social Media Presence
- Create a Podcast
- Manage Online Meetings
- Manage Projects Successfully
- Public Relations Strategies
- Question-and-Answer Session
- Write a Compelling Blog



Demonstrating Expertise

• Prepare to Speak Professionally

Path Completion

• Reflect on Your Path

- Ethical Leadership
- High Performance Leadership
- Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
- Lessons Learned
- Moderate a Panel Discussion



Paths, Levels, and Electives 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
- Writing a Speech with Purpose
- Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language
- Evaluation and Feedback



Learning Your Style

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



Increasing Knowledge

• Develop a Communication Plan

Level 3 Elective Projects (choose 2)

- Active Listening
- Connect with Storytelling
- Connect with Your Audience
- Creating Effective Visual Aids
- Deliver Social Speeches
- Effective Body Language
- Focus on the Positive
- Inspire Your Audience

- Know Your Sense of Humor
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Building Skills

• Communicate Change

Level 4 Elective Projects (choose 1)

- Building a Social Media Presence
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Demonstrating Expertise

Develop Your Vision

Path Completion

Reflect on Your Path

- Ethical Leadership
- High Performance Leadership
- Leading in Your Volunteer Organization
- Lessons Learned
- Moderate a Panel Discussion
- Prepare to Speak Professionally