

MARKET YOUR EXPERIENCE

ORIENTATION LEADER

Let's talk about your Orientation Leader experience

Orientation leaders serve as a resource to incoming students and family as they learn and navigate the university. They help new members adjust by offering guidance, support, and encouragement. Through campus tours and knowledge of campus resources, orientation leaders serve as role models who uphold the university mission.

Sample action verbs

Action verbs highlight the task you've completed and make your statements stand out.

When you supported students:

Advised, Informed, Educated, Recommended

When you managed a team:

Facilitated, Mentored, Cultivated, Guided

When you changed or improved something:

Developed, Restructured, Updated, Integrated, Redesigned, Strengthened

When you increased efficiency or productivity:

Enhanced, Maximized, Improved, Advanced

When you led a project:

Coordinated, Executed, Delegated, Programmed, Organized, Operated

When you envisioned and brought a project to life:

Developed, Established, Implemented, Formulated, Initiated, Charted

Skills gained

Communication Skills	Crisis Management
Team Building	Collaboration
Relationship Building	Problem-Solving
Leadership	Facilitation
Network	Time Management
Responsibility	Conflict Management

Sample action statements

- Organized and executed campus-wide events during orientation week/days to foster community and engagement among students
- Worked collaboratively with a diverse team of orientation leaders, staff, and faculty to ensure a comprehensive and well-coordinated orientation program
- Educated incoming students' vital information and addressing concerns to incoming to help navigate academic and campus life
- Facilitated and led orientation for #+ parents, guardians, first-time freshman, and transfer student

Resume resources

- Attend resume-building events that we hold each semester
- Find resume building resources on our website or Handshake Career Center page
- Bring your resume to our Drop-in Hours, if you're just getting started or need a quick review
- Login to Handshake to schedule an appointment for an in-depth resume review
- Utilize LinkedIn Learning for free - just use your TXST email
- Submit your resume to our online resume review portal

Become career ready

Career Readiness is a key to ensuring successful entrance into the workforce. Be ready for your future job through these skill competency areas:

- Advocacy & Compassion
- Career & Self Development
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

Connect with Career Services

You're not alone on your career journey. Career Services at Texas State is here to help you as you explore your career options, grow your network, job seek, apply to jobs, and continue to grow as a Bobcat professional.

You can stop by the Career Services office for Drop-in Hours, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to get quick answers to your career questions.

Visit our website to explore our many free services, available to both students and alumni.



Potential interview responses

Student leadership provides preparation for the professional world upon graduation. Your experience as an Orientation Leader has allowed not only for personal growth, but a strong foundation for success in any professional role you seek out. During your interview, you can set yourself apart with unique responses that highlight your orientation leadership experience.

Describe a time where you were faced with a difficult person/situation. How did you approach it, and what steps did you take to find a solution.

- Skills to Highlight: Critical Thinking
 - An example could be a specific interaction during orientation days or with an individual. How did you recognize and approach the problem, and strive to resolve it? Focus on your approach and highlight the strategies you used to remain calm, composed, and focused.

Can you describe your leadership style and how it has evolved over time?

- Skills to Highlight: Professionalism
 - An example could be how your orientation experience has contributed to your leadership development. Learning skills relating to communication, relationship building, facilitation, and collaboration have helped you personally and professionally. Through these skills you were able to help students navigate a new environment and helped them foster a sense of belonging.

Check out all of our guides in the Market Your Experience series. We offer guides for Residence Assistants, Executive Board members, SLAC workers, Study Abroad participants, Fraternity and Sorority Life members, Orientation Leaders, On-Campus Student Employees, Bobcat Build participants, Student Athletes, and Peer Mentors