

# Let's Talk Business

## For TRSM Students

These reports describe industry sectors and career paths of interest to TRSM students and Alumni. Each report leverages BCH employment data and the expertise of our staff. This collaborative effort engages staff, students, alumni and the University Business Librarian.

## Think You Might Be Good at Coordinating Projects?

### Here is What You Need to Know.

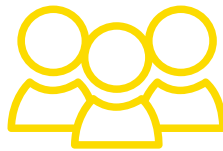
Project Coordinators assist Project Managers to ensure projects are completed in a timely manner and within the financial budget. Within a large project, a Project Coordinator might be assigned a smaller part of the entire project to ensure that operations are running smoothly and efficiently. Responsibilities include completing administrative tasks such as creating schedules with realistic timelines, and overseeing progress to make sure goals are met on time.<sup>1</sup>

Project Coordinators are core to the team, as 50% of organizations say they do have a track record of project success.<sup>2</sup>



**8.7 to 11**  
million

Project Managers in  
North America<sup>3</sup>



**16.5**  
million

Project Managers in  
the world<sup>3</sup>



**5,000+**

Project Coordinator  
jobs posted on  
LinkedIn<sup>3</sup>

## Key Responsibilities:

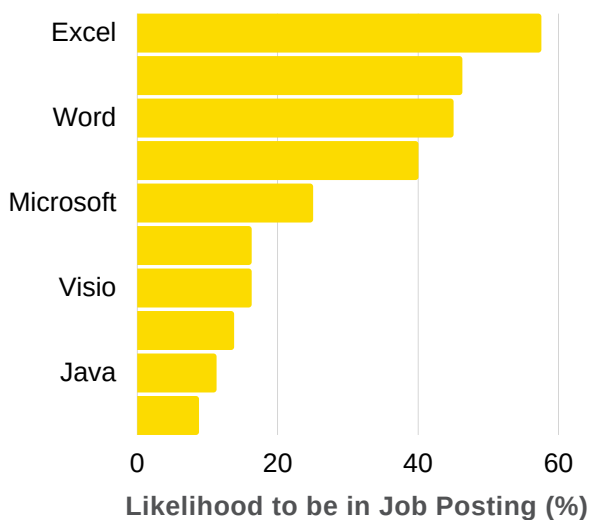
- Monitoring the daily progress of plans, project schedules, work hours, budgets, and expenditures<sup>4</sup>
- Assisting and supporting the Project Managers<sup>5</sup>
- Designing and controlling the project schedule<sup>5</sup>
- Providing detailed updates to Project Managers or other stakeholders<sup>4</sup>
- Preparing presentations to update Senior Management on the project's progress and showcase the project's value<sup>5</sup>
- Ensuring team members have the supplies and resources they need to complete their assigned tasks on time and within their budget limits<sup>4</sup>
- Providing administrative support<sup>5</sup>
- Organizing reports, invoices, contracts, and other financial files for easy access<sup>4</sup>
- Planning meetings and organizing project logistics<sup>4</sup>
- Performing billing and bookkeeping tasks<sup>4</sup>

## Key Skills to Have:

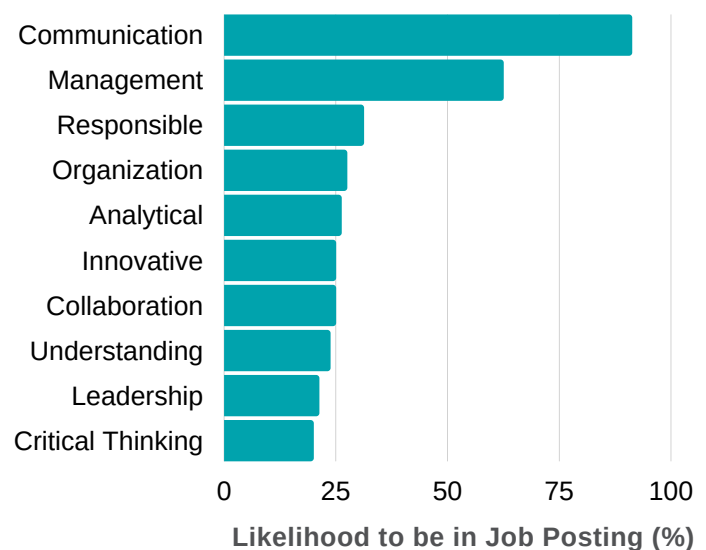
While many of the skills required to succeed as a Project Coordinator are technical, there are dozens of professional skills that are just as pivotal to achieve success. As someone who has to collaborate with others in various departments, and working in cross-functional teams, it's crucial to have strong teamwork and communication skills. Furthermore, day-to-day tasks require strong organizational and analytical skills.

Based on postings for a 'Project Coordinator' on BCH's job portal, we have been able to identify the top professional skills employers want in a prospective employee. Excel and communication skills top the list.

Technical Skills for Project Coordinator  
from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021



Professional Skills for Project  
Coordinator from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021



## Industry Certifications Can Be a Plus

According to Zippa, 66.1% of Project Coordinators have a bachelor's degree, but many have also earned a certification in Project Management. <sup>6</sup>

The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson University offers a [Project Management Certificate](#). With this certificate, you can work towards or maintain your standings for two certificates - the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)<sup>®</sup> and the Project Management Professional (PMP).

In addition, the [Project Management Institute \(PMI\)](#) is a recognized worldwide organization that provides a wide range of courses to gain experience relevant to the field and to certification. Some of the certifications include: 'Project Management Ready', 'Project Management Professional', 'Certified Associate in Project Management', and 'Scheduling Professional'.



In order to prepare for this Certification, BCH offers a 2-Day Project Management Prep Program in partnership with the local chapter of PMI. [Click here for more details.](#)

## Software to Familiarize Yourself With:



## Let's Talk Money

The starting salary for an entry-level position typically starts at \$44,968 per year. Although, the average Project Coordinator salary is \$59,210 per year (equivalent to \$30.36 per hour) experienced Project Coordinators can make up to \$79,985 per year.<sup>7</sup>

## Meet a TRSM Student!



3rd Yr. BTM Student

**FATEEN FAISAL**



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"Being a Project Manager allows you to be in a leadership role as well as a support role. Leading a team to reach their goals and remain on track is what a PM does. If you know you'd like to give Project Management a chance, be pro-active. Where there are projects, there are opportunities for a PM. The Project Management Institute can be your source and guide on your pathway."

## Get Hired:

Although most organizations hire Project Coordinators, check out these career sites to get a sense of the job descriptions for each employer.



## Project Coordinator vs Project Manager

The main role of a Project Manager is to plan, initiate, and oversee the execution of all elements of a project. They fully understand the goals of their clients and management to ensure they deliver the desired outcomes. The Project Coordinator helps the Project Manager on the completion of projects with administrative tasks for each project. It's essential for Project Coordinators to be aware of all aspects of the project, have a thorough understanding of short and long-term goals, organize project calendars and stay within budget.<sup>8</sup>

## Want to Learn More for Free?



### Learning Resources

[For New and Experienced Project Managers](#)



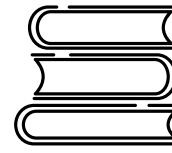
### Courses

[Free Online Project Management Courses](#)



### Podcasts

[For Project Managers On the Go](#)



### Books

[Project Management Books for the Professional](#)



### LinkedIn Learning

[Project Management and Project Leadership Training](#)

## Visit the Business Career Hub

### Employer Events

The BCH hosts several employer events to prepare you for your professional career. Refer to your weekly 'BCH Careers Newsletter' for a list of upcoming events.

### Bootcamps/Prep Programs

Advance your technical and soft skills, earn digital badges, and gain an advantage in today's workforce through bootcamps. [Click here to register for current bootcamps.](#)

### Coaching & Mock Interview

For career coaching, interview prep and more, [schedule a 1:1 appointment](#) with a Career Consultant or a Co-op Coordinator.



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