NPD*, DEVELOPMENT OR PROCESS ROLE

Focussed on development of new products (NPD), existing ones or improvement of processes themselves. Most are a combination of 2 or more of these. Can be employed in small to large businesses across the sector. In manufacturing some are retailer facing, others branded. A large variety of role titles and salaries but a classic graduate entry point.

* NPD = New Product Development

KEY FEATURES

Typical Role Names

- NPD Technologist
- Development Technologist
- Process Development Technologist
- Process Technologist
- NPD Process Technologist
- Product Developer

So What is Desirable for a NPD, Development or Process Role?

There are standards for the technical content of Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. 14 typical graduate roles types have been identified & this is one of them. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable skills, knowledge and behaviours for this role. They are outlined in 8 themes then more detail is provided on specific elements. Below is the profile for this role.

Desirable Themes for this Role

| D6 | Innovation & Inquiry | Creativity in mind, approach and method to find new opportunities and enable results. *(this role has the highest association with D6)* |
| D8 | The Business World | Appreciation of systems and drivers that produce successful operational performance and profit. |

Desirable Elements for this Role

- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Commercial Awareness
- Entrepreneurship
- Initiative
- Innovation
- Open-Minded
- Passion for Subject
- Questioning Approach
- Teamworking
- The Mechanics of Business
- Work Experience

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