

# Real-World Applications of Professional Development

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In understanding more of the concepts and characteristics attributed to professionalism from this class, a critical question was raised: when will this application of formal disposition truly be required in my future? From working through this week, I have been to apply lessons learned within Independent Study and Mentorship into processes that will dictate my future in post-secondary education.

In an attempt to prepare early for my college admissions process, I spent the majority of this week researching requirements and potential scholarships for application under Restrictive Early Action. Indeed, setting foot into the admissions process was no easy task, and, through it, I was able to discover just how useful my professional development from the Independent Study and Mentorship program was as I moved throughout various applications, essays, and questions. From this, I saw that in learning how to conduct myself in a professional interview or developing a conversation with others, I will be much more prepared and excited to present myself to college alumni and scholarship representatives. As I work towards submitting applications and envisioning my ideal future in studying public policy, I have seen the wholesome impact Independent Study and Mentorship has had on my external demeanor and communication skills.