Self-Assurance

People who are especially talented in the Self-Assurance theme feel confident in their ability to manage their own lives. They possess an inner compass that gives them confidence that their decisions are right.

I am (being) ⇒ internally confident in the midst of external uncertainty
I will (doing) ⇒ seek to exert influence rather than be influenced
I bring (contribution) ⇒ a willingness to take necessary risks
I need (requirement) ⇒ freedom to act unilaterally and independently
I love (value) ⇒ being in control of my own destiny
I hate (value) ⇒ others telling me what to do
Metaphor/Image ⇒ internal compass, marches to beat of different drum
Barrier Label ⇒ arrogant, over-confident, self-sufficient

Theme Contrast

Self-Assurance: Anticipates risk so that it can be engaged and overcome
Deliberative: Anticipates risk so that it can be avoided and minimized
Self-Assurance: Certainty
Learner: Curiosity

Career Development Tips

- Your confidence that there is a good career fit out there for you will be an enormous asset in the career planning process.
- Your talents probably can give you confidence in a variety of jobs and volunteer opportunities. Try out several different roles. Which ones seem most natural to you?
- Workplaces and tasks that will challenge you and provide you with freedom are likely to energize you most.
- Environments that focus on prominent or critical projects that could intimidate others seem to bring out your best.
- You don’t have a great need for direction or support from others, which makes you particularly effective in situations that call for independence of thought and action.
- Interview people in careers that involve public presentations, sales, or entertainment in an Informational Interview. Ask what they find most rewarding about their work.

General Academic Life Tips

- Ensure that you are completely in control of your grades. Gain a clear understanding of what is expected and how to meet those expectations. Meet with your advisor.
- Always strive to become a better student. Stick with what is working for you and continue to build on your most powerful talents.
- Be confident in your abilities to understand and learn material.
- Register for classes that excite you.
- Plan your path to graduation with Graduation Planner to maintain control of your academic career and track your progress using the Academic Progress Audit System (APAS).

Extracurricular Activities

- Seek a leadership position in an organization that addresses issues important to you through the Engage Search. You know you can make an important difference in these areas.
- Join clubs that will “stretch” your talents and your horizons. Dare to tackle the unfamiliar.
- Consider a semester abroad. Go to a first step meeting at the Learning Abroad Center. Your Self-Assurance talents will help you maneuver through a culture that is quite different from your own.
- Enroll in the Leadership Minor. Your Self Assurance is key in any leadership position.