Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Professional Skills Development Workshops**

**What are the Professional Skills Development workshops?**
*Professional Skills Development* workshops have been designed exclusively for international graduate students to help them develop the linguistic, cultural and professional foundational skills they will need to best utilize Graduate Career Services.

**Is there a cost for the Professional Skills Development workshops?**
The cost for the *Professional Skills Development* workshops is $150 and includes all workshop materials.

**How many Professional Skills Development workshops are there?**
There are currently two *Professional Skills Development* workshops available to international graduate students: *Communications for Career Development* and *Global Career Development (optional)*.

**What will I learn in Communications for Career Development (CCD) workshop?**
This six-module workshop has been designed to improve the professional communication skills of international graduate students at Bentley University. Students will focus on developing and articulating their personal SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis. This workshop is designed to build a baseline of cultural competency so that students can best utilize Graduate Career Services.

**How do I know if I am required to take the Communications for Career Development (CCD) workshop?**
Your ELA results page will indicate whether you need to enroll in CCD. If you are required to take CCD, you must successfully complete it before participating in the *Graduate Career Development Introduction* (GCDI) seminars offered by Graduate Career Services.

**Why am I required to take the Communications for Career Development workshop?**
*Graduate Career Development Introduction* (GCDI) seminars move at an accelerated pace and assume prior knowledge of American business practices and customs, which is why some students are required to build foundational business skills through the CCD workshop before attending GCDI seminars.

**How many weeks do the Communications for Career Development Workshop run?**
6 weeks. Each workshop module takes place once a week for 80 minutes.

**How do I register for the Communications for Career Development workshop?**
Students can register for the workshop under the *Advising and Events* tab in MyBentley.

**What happens after I complete the Communications for Career Development workshop?**
Upon successful completion of *Communications for Career Development*, students advance to *Graduate Career Development Introduction* (GCDI) seminars offered through Graduate Career Services.