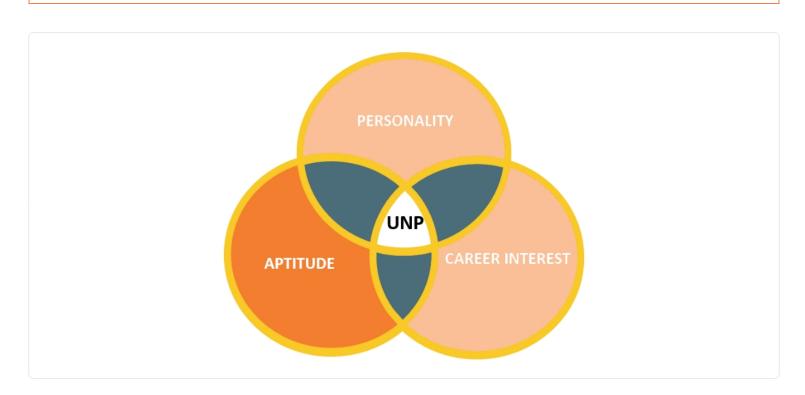
Aptitude

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Aptitude is the third factor to be considered in determining the Unique Natural Potential.

Aptitude is the set of Skills and Abilities that you are naturally good at. Every job requires certain skills. If an individual has those skills, they would be capable to do that job better. However, while every individual has natural skills in certain areas, other skills can also be developed if there is interest and motivation to hone them further.

The table below indicates the broad skills you want to use in your career and those that you would want to avoid.

Sample Student

Aptitude - Motivational Skills Matrix

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	Like Skills that you like and do well	Don't Like Skills that you don't like but do well
DO WELL	Creativity	Physical Coordination
	 Ability to motivate and direct others 	Mathematical Ability
	People Skills	 Analysing to solve problems
	Verbal Ability	
	 Empathy 	
	Researching	
	Like Skills that you like but don't do well	Don't Like Skills that you don't like and don't do well
DON'T DO WELL	Artistic Expression	Mechanical Skills
	Musical Ability	Processing Data
	Writing Skills	Attention to detail
	Listening Skills	• Dexterity
		 Finances - Managing Money
		Ability to work with numbers

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Aptitude - Motivational Skills Matrix Summary

Refer the previous page where you have placed skills under:

- A Skills that you like and do well
- B Skills that you like but don't do well

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- C Skills that you don't like but do well
- D Skills that you don't like and don't do well

Every occupation requires certain skills to do that particular job well. Your choices in the motivational skills matrix allows you to choose careers most aligned to your preferred skills, as explained below :

A - High Priority

Skills placed here represents your strongest motivators. You will want to include as many of these as possible in your work. These are the footholds into the career you want.

B - Good Option

Skills placed here are often the key to keeping work fresh and interesting. Think about ways to develop these skills so that you can move them into box A as you learn to do them well. These are the skills you may need to develop to get more options of satisfying career alternatives.

C - Possible Option

Skills placed here represent that deplete your energy - having to use skills you don't enjoy can cause frustration and burnout. Try to keep these skills to a minimum in your career options.

D - Low Priority

Skills placed here should be included in your career work only if they are absolutely necessary to get the job done. It is otherwise best to avoid these in your career options.