

Sample Career Plan

Making a career plan is a matter of matching your skills and interests to an occupation to create a career goal, and then deciding the steps you need to take to reach that goal. Here's a sample:

My Career Plan

Career Goal: To become a civil engineer. To design, plan, and supervise the construction of buildings, highways, and rapid transit systems.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in engineering.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Creativity.
- Analytical mind.
- Capacity for detail.
- Presentation skills.
- Writing skills.
- Knowledge of physical sciences and mathematics.
- Accreditation by Licensing Board.

Current Skills and Interests:

- Summer worker for Smith Construction Co.
- High School mathematics courses
- High School science courses
- Experience working as a team
- Attended high school writing courses
- Gave presentations in high school courses

Plan To Reach Career Goal:

- Bachelor's Degree - attend the University of Texas School of Engineering
- Job Experience - Continue working for Smith Construction Co.; Seek internships through University career placement office
- Networking - Join campus organizations for engineering students

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- Take interest inventories or skill assessment surveys to help you begin to think about possible careers
- Seek out job-shadowing or internship opportunities to continue defining what your career goals may be
- Establish ongoing relationships with your counselor, teachers and college access advisor(if applicable)
- Get active in extracurricular activities and/or sports at school and volunteer in your community and/or church
- Work with your parents, guardians and/or mentors to get everyone's input into you plan for attending college
- Check out resources available to help you begin your search for colleges
- Start making a list of colleges in which you are interested
- Make a plan for visiting colleges throughout high school