

PAL-UP Discovering Your Pathway

Your Roadmap to Your Future

“Your future and success begin with you and a sprinkle of effort, action, and focus.”

~Sara Rubalcava, *Inspirational Speaker*

What Does it Mean to Discover Your Pathway

- It's a creative process. A process of being curious.
- It's about putting in the effort, energy and action to building on a dream/a vision.
- It's about finding your way down the pathway to success by putting in the work.
- Every small step will lead you to the goal.
- Education, Knowledge and knowing advances you towards your full potential.
- The path may not be a straight line, there will be challenges along the way so it is important to find ways to get back on the right path.

Objective/Outcome of this assignment:

- To create connections between your strengths/skills and your interests.
- To give you an opportunity to explore, research and acknowledge your interests.

Exploration Questions:

These questions will help you brainstorm as you explore your roadmap to success? As you write down your answers, write what first comes to your mind—don't overthink it. Then you can come back and begin exploring your answers. Write freely, dream big. I recommend dedicating a journal/notebook to this process.

1. What accomplishments are you most proud of? Examples, I got an A, B or C in class, I am starting to be more disciplined with my school work. I put together a 1,000 piece puzzle. I volunteered with ____ organization and assisted in _____. I wrote a song. I write poetry. I am a good artist. I am good at ____ sport. I am proud of being able to cook. I am good at _____ software program.
2. Who do you look up to and why?
3. What do you like to do for fun?
4. What do you like doing that you lose track of time?
5. What are some things you feel you do well?
6. Is there something you always wanted to try?
7. What do you read about in your free time?
8. If you could do any job for a day...what would it be?
9. As a kid what did you want to be when you grew up?
10. If money was no issue, what would you be doing right now and why?

Stop the overthinking !
Get up and take action.
Take three deep
breathes: Inhale count to
5, Exhale count to 5.
Then Go! Take Action!

What is Your Ideal Job? Is there a job you imagine yourself doing? If so what is it? What do you feel like in this role? Write it below:

What qualifications do you need in order to secure this ideal job? For example a college degree? Experience? What skills may you need?

What are you willing to do in order to secure this job?

Here are some examples: Work hard, go to school and secure a degree, be more disciplined with my time? Explore if this ideal job is really for me by (1) Schedule an informational interview with someone who is already doing that job? (2) Seek a volunteer opportunity or internship with a company that has my ideal job as a position so that I can explore if it is really for me?

What experience or skills would you bring to this position? List 3-5 attributes you bring to a job. These can be strong interpersonal skills, creative, bilingual (English/Spanish), manage projects from start to finish, I work well independently and as a team member, I am good at motivating others,

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Look for a job description for your ideal job.

When a company has an open position they will list tasks, responsibilities and requirements they seek from the ideal candidate. This is a great way to get an idea of building a roadmap in order to secure that ideal position. Here are some websites where you can do research and exploration for various positions. You can also just type the ideal position and do a web search.

RESOURCES FOR JOB SEARCH, RESEARCH & EXPLORATION

www.glassdoor.com
www.indeed.com
www.caljobs.com.gov
www.monster.com
www.ziprecruiter.com
www.simplyhired.com
www.snagajob.com

CAUTION: *When seeking a job using any online app, do not give personal information such as social security. You will however be asked your social security number with some job applications and when you get hired. Also if the site is asking for money I would stay away. Even professional job recruiters who assist large corporations in seeking the ideal candidate for a position **will not** ask you for money. These professional recruiters get paid by the company. That said there are professional recruiters and companies that you can hire to help build a professional resume. These however are when you have had years of experience and are ready to make a career shift.*

SUMMARY OF YOUR IDEAL JOB

Now that you did the work of research and exploration, use the information you wrote above as a guide to develop one paragraph summarizing the ideal position that you are seeking and the primary skills/qualifications you bring to the job:

DO NOT EXCEED 150 WORDS

Here are two examples:

(75 words)

I thrive in a creative, compassionate and positive environment. My previous experience working for both the private and public sectors, non-profits, radio and advertising and community grass roots organizations has taught me to look at a project from various perspectives from the smallest details to the larger picture. I enjoy working with like-minded individuals and exploring new ways to guide organizations to tap into their highest potential utilizing strategic, personalized and innovative plans and programs.

(43 words)

I thrive in a creative and fast-paced environment. My experience in writing daily blogs and communicating with a large audience allows me to keep my finger on the pulse. I enjoy brainstorming, researching and exploring new trends as well as developing new innovative ideas.

Your Roadmap to Success

The road to your future will be like a maze with twists, turns, and detours. And to get through that maze, you need to start thinking about what key markers in your life will help you identify your accomplishments and successes. On the road signs below, write things you will need to accomplish to move toward your career-related goal (such as finishing elementary school, graduating from high school, doing an internship, completing training and/or college, getting a job, etc.).

