

**Educational Goals Worksheet**

**Point of the Assignment:** To help you make educational goals based on what you have learned about yourself and how higher education works.

You have received a lot of information to help you understand how the education system works, and how it relates to your career goals. You will now take what you have learned about education in the class to establish realistic and appropriate educational goals. By now, you should understand that while your goals may be attainable, they will not be reached without planning, sacrifice and self-discipline. Write down what you have learned about the following:

**About Yourself**

- 1. Your learning styles, talents, needs, desires, strengths and weaknesses, etc.**

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- 2. About your motivation (Ticket to a Job, Jumping Through Hoops, Seeking Knowledge and Truth, or any combination thereof)**

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- 3. Your career goals/interests**

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**About Education**

- 4. What types of schools are available to you?**

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- 5. What type(s) of school(s) would best suit your educational objectives?**

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- 6. What type(s) of school(s) will best suit your learning styles?**

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At this point in your life, what is the highest educational goal you want to achieve?

- A. Short Term vocational training (less than 1 year full time)
- B. Associates degree (2 years full time)
- C. Bachelor’s degree (4 years full time)
- D. Master’s degree (6-7 years full time)
- E. Doctorate degree (8-10 years fulltime)

What type of school would best suits your needs

- A. Vocational school
- B. State-supported school
- C. Private school (may or may not be religiously affiliated)

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According to what you have learned, how much time (pursuing full-time) would it take to finish this goal? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and/or able to go to school full-time for that whole time? **Yes / No**

If not, how much of that time must be spent pursuing goals part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

Realistically speaking, how long do you anticipate it will take for you to finish that goal? \_\_\_\_\_

Go back to the Priorities/Goals Alignment assignment and review what you wrote about what you are willing to sacrifice in order to achieve your educational goals. Are you willing and able to sacrifice what you listed there for as many years as you have listed above in order to achieve your goals? Yes/No (Explain your response)

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**Revised Goals:**

Now that you have made sure your goals and priorities are in alignment, have your educational goals changed? Yes/No

What is your highest educational goal at this point in your life?

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Identify 2-3 Next Steps that will help you meet your long-term education goals (*i.e. develop an ed plan, research schools, talk to a counselor, etc.*)

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**Test your understanding:**

**What is the main point of this assignment?**

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**Why were you expected to do this exercise?**

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**What type of person would need to do this exercise?**

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**How well do you fit the profile of the person for whom this assignment was created?**

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**Reflection:** (*Write down your response after completing this assignment.*)