

## Career Development Plan Examples for Students

### Example 1: High school student interested in technology (NSW, Australia)

#### Self-assessment

Love coding, problem-solving, and building apps. Strong in maths and science. Interested in cybersecurity and AI.

#### Career research and goals

Career in software development, cybersecurity, or data science. Focus on local universities like UTS Sydney or UNSW. Certificates in cybersecurity and cloud computing (AWS, CompTIA).

#### Education plan

Taking advanced maths, physics, and IT in high school. Need ATAR of 85 for UTS or UNSW. Plan to complete AWS Certified Solutions Architect by Year 12.

#### Gaining experience

Building coding projects, participating in hackathons. Intern at local tech companies in Sydney. Complete AWS Certified Developer by Year 12.

#### Review and adjust

Check progress annually and adjust based on new tech trends, especially in AI and cloud computing.

### Example 2: High school student interested in the social sciences (Greater Manchester, UK)

#### Self-assessment

Interested in psychology, sociology, and history. Strong writing and critical thinking skills. Keen to explore social justice and human rights.

#### Career research and goals

Career in psychology, social work, or criminology. Looking at the University of Manchester or Manchester Metropolitan University. Planning for work in mental health or social justice.

#### Education plan

A-levels in psychology, history, and sociology. Need AAB for the University of Manchester. Planning to take sociology electives focused on social justice and crime.

#### Gaining experience

Volunteer at local charities, especially related to mental health. Plan to apply for work experience with social services in Manchester.

### **Review and adjust**

Review plan every term to explore growing interest in areas like human rights law or criminal psychology.

## **Example 3: First year Bachelor of Business student (Victoria, Australia)**

### **Self-assessment**

Enjoy business problem-solving, economics, and working with numbers. Strong leadership skills from group projects.

### **Career research and goals**

Finance, consulting, or data analytics. Looking at RMIT University in Melbourne for honours. In-demand skills include financial modelling and data analysis.

### **Education plan**

Finance major with electives in data analytics. Need a distinction average (70+) for RMIT honours program. Plan to take additional financial modelling and Excel courses.

### **Gaining experience**

Apply for finance internships in second year, attend RMIT business networking events. Participate in case competitions to build skills in consulting.

### **Review and adjust**

Check after each semester. Adjust focus based on industry trends in finance and data analytics.

## **Example 4: Second year Bachelor of Psychological Science student (British Columbia, Canada)**

### **Self-assessment**

Interested in mental health and counselling. Strong communication skills, good at research and writing. Developing skills in therapeutic techniques.

### **Career research and goals**

Clinical psychology or counselling. Applying for honours at UBC Vancouver. In-demand skills include mental health counselling and cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT).

### **Education plan**

Complete core psychology subjects and take electives in cognitive science and therapy. Need a 75%+ average for honours at UBC. Planning to take CBT certification post-graduation.

### **Gaining experience**

Volunteering at mental health support centres. Looking into research assistant positions with UBC faculty. Applying for internships at counselling centres.

### **Review and adjust**

Review plan yearly, adjusting based on hands-on experiences and new trends in mental health treatment.

## **Example 5: Final-year Bachelor of Communications student (California, US)**

### **Self-assessment**

Skilled in writing, public speaking, and creating digital content. Passionate about storytelling and media production.

### **Career research and goals**

Public relations or digital marketing in LA. Apply to PR firms or media agencies. Need strong social media management and video content creation skills.

### **Education plan**

Finish media communications degree at UCLA. Electives in digital marketing and multimedia production. Plan to complete Google Analytics and Hootsuite certifications before graduation.

### **Gaining experience**

Intern at PR firm, freelance content creation. Building portfolio of social media campaigns and video content.

### **Review and adjust**

Final review post-internship. Adjust focus based on job market demand for social media and digital marketing roles.