Next Steps Instructions

Two Assignments
It is now time to begin or continue the next two steps of your educational journey.

1. Apply for admission to an online degree program from BYU-Idaho or Ensign College, supported by BYU-Pathway Worldwide (or complete the “Alternate Assignment” linked below if you have other plans).

2. Plan your path to graduation using Degree Planner.

You will do these two assignments over the whole term. As you report on them, you will earn points in this course. Read below to learn more about each one.

1. Apply for Admission to BYU-Pathway Worldwide
Most students in this course will apply for admission to BYU-Pathway Worldwide to earn online certificates and degrees from BYU-Idaho or Ensign College. BYU-Pathway offers access to more than 30 online certificates that build into a focused set of bachelor’s degrees. While you are welcome to choose any college or university, here are a few reasons why continuing your education with BYU-Pathway may benefit you:

1. Degrees that you can earn completely online (from a Church college/university) are only available through BYU-Pathway Worldwide.

2. You’ll keep your reduced PathwayConnect tuition rate throughout your online degree program! (Tuition rates increase annually.) This reduced rate is not available if you enroll at another college or university.

3. Applying to start an online degree program through BYU-Pathway is simple! If you earn a 3.0 GPA (B average) during PathwayConnect, you get to bypass most traditional admission requirements.
   - NO high school/secondary education transcripts
   - NO standardized test scores
   - NO application fee

The application may take several weeks to complete, so get started today! It all starts with the Application Guide.

Click here to access the Application Guide

Read the Application Guide carefully! The guide has been created to help you through the process. If you have trouble or get stuck, there is a link at the top and bottom of the Application Guide to ask for help. Be diligent in this effort but remember that you have all term to complete it. Future weeks of this course will give you important information to help you understand the application.

In a few weeks, this course will ask if you have completed the application. If you have not, don’t worry! Just keep working on it and strive to have it done as soon as you can.

Alternate Assignment
The alternate assignment is for students who don’t plan on applying for an online degree program through BYU-Pathway Worldwide. If you have other plans, work on this assignment, and submit it in the second to last week of this course.

Click here to download the alternate assignment template
2. Plan a Way to Graduate Using Degree Planner

Regardless of what college or university you apply to, planning a way to get a degree is a great activity for any student. It will help you see how much time and organization it takes. In this activity, every student will plan a degree using a tool called Degree Planner. This tool can be found in your BYU-Pathway Portal by logging in at byupathway.org/sign-in and clicking on “Academic Planning.”

**Important:** Read the special notes below!

**Review Your Degree Plan Weekly**

Planning a degree with Degree Planner is simple! However, please check Degree Planner each week of this course to better understand the process and ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I going to graduate as fast as I want?
2. Did I learn anything new this week while looking at my degree plan?
3. How should I prepare so I can accomplish my plan?

**Special Notes**

*Degree Planner is an Estimator Only*

Although Degree Planner is easy to use, it is for estimating purposes only. Several factors may influence your graduation plans after this term:

- You may have transfer credits. These are evaluated after you accept an offer of admission from BYU-Pathway Worldwide.
- Some courses currently displayed in Degree Planner may become unavailable next term, have a different name, or come in a different order. See “Ensign College” below.

*Ensign College*

Ensign College is a new partner with BYU-Pathway Worldwide. It will be offering new versions of some certificates as well as new certificates and a new degree. Because this is a new partnership, some things in Degree Planner are impacted this term.

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Once you accept an offer of admission from BYU-Pathway Worldwide, you will get additional instructions on how to register for your courses. If you have questions about Degree Planner, please contact BYU-Pathway Support.