

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 a way to graduate** using Degree Planner or a Degree Map.

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 many 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!** (Students will keep their BYU-Pathway tuition rate, and while this will remain much less than standard tuition, it will increase slightly year over year.) 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! Work on it as fast as possible! Once you begin the application, choose the semester that is presented to you there. If it is not your desired semester, you can register for a different one later. Either way, complete the application.

[Click here to access the Application](#)

If you get stuck, there are many helpful links throughout the application. Be sure to use them if you need help. Although next semester may seem far away, it is much better to complete the application before the deadline. Again, move as fast as possible!

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

Regardless of what 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. Some will use a tool called Degree Planner. This tool can be found in your [BYU-Pathway Portal](#) in the "Academic Planning" menu. Others will use Degree Maps to make plans.

Do I use Degree Maps or Degree Planner?

Look at the table below. If you are currently in any of the certificate courses listed in the table, click on the link to access the certificate and Degree Map. If you are not in any of these, use Degree Planner.

Certificate Course	Certificate Title
DMPC 105 Introduction to Social Media Marketing	Social Media Marketing
BUSPC 113 Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism	Hospitality and Tourism Management
ACCPC 101 Financial Accounting	Basic Accounting
CSPC 105 Introduction to Computer Programming	Technical Support Engineer
PMPC 140 Intro to Project Management	Project Management
MCOPC 180 Introduction to Medical Billing and Coding	Medical Billing and Coding

- If you are interested in the Associates Degree and Bachelor's Degree in Communication from Ensign College, [click here to learn more](#).
- If you are interested in the Associates Degree and Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology from Ensign College, [click here to learn more](#).

Review Your Degree Plan Weekly

Planning a degree is simple! However, please check your plan or map 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 or map?
3. How should I prepare so I can accomplish my plan?

You can also visit the [Degree List](#) page on the BYU-Pathway Worldwide website to explore more, especially if you have questions about all the programs available.

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.

Registration

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 planning, please contact your peer mentor.