Building a Successful Career Path

Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stress; working hard for something we love is called passion.

Simon Sinek
A career is more than a series of jobs.

When pursuing a career, you...
• Are in it for the long term
• Expect to develop self and gain experience
• Feel engaged
• Look forward to getting to work
• Are in alignment with values and culture
What is a “T” shaped professional?
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Broad

Deep
Can you tell me why? What is the reason?
Where is your epic win?

What am I good at?

What brings me joy?

What does the world need me to do?

Purpose Fall

Happiness Fall

Epic Win

Competence Fall

Where is your epic win?
What would it look like to be living out your purpose?
What steps could you take to achieve this vision?
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

- What are the critical skills and success factors needed to achieve your goals?
- How will you develop these?
- How will these be verified by prospective employers/clients?
• Current (or future) technologies
• Trends in your industry or career field
• What will be needed in this role in the future?
Consider who you want as advocates?
Grow your network garden.
Mentors

Honesty, trust, advocacy.
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- Purpose
- Vision
- Goals
- Knowledge, Skills, Abilities
- Remain Current
- Networking
- Mentors
“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and then go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have *come alive*.”

— Howard Thurman