# Career Services Assignment 0 – Goal Setting

**Points possible:** 50

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| Category | Criteria | % of Grade |
| Completeness | All requirements of the assignment are complete. | 100 |

**Overview:** Our goal at Promineo Tech is to help 100% of our students graduate this program and to help 100% of our graduates find employment as software developers within 6 months of graduation. Completing this program and changing careers will be challenging, but well worth the effort. This first career services assignment will help us help you make a career transformation. Set a clear goal and articulate your own reason behind the goal. This will help you maintain focus when challenges arise.

**Instructions:** Answer the questions below in-line and then upload this file back to the LMS.

1. What is your goal in taking this course?

I have a history of learning and re-learning front-end development skills over the last 10 or so years, but I always feel like I cannot get to 100% on my own. I lose focus, and I lose motivation to teach myself everything – especially high-level concepts. I hope to get helpful insight and mentorship from having an instructor-led class that brings me up and over my hurdles in the past. I am ready to re-enter the IT field, and do not necessarily want another IT degree.

1. When you achieve your goal above, what’s something new in your life you will be able to do that you couldn’t do before?

I have always wanted to be a freelancer, and I think that even if I don’t work in software/web full-time, I can offer my services in web design, software development, and my other trade skills such as blacksmithing and woodworking as a sort of jack-of-all-trades backyard engineer.

*More specifically, I would like to potentially learn tons of other types of programming once I have a complete understanding of JavaScript/PHP.*

1. If any of the days get difficult, what is your reminder as to why you are here in the first place? What can you say to yourself to keep moving forward?

As unhappy as might become in any given moment, I am here because I am unhappy with my place in life. If I don’t take the steps to move forward, that dissatisfaction will never go away. I think, as somber as that sounds, is a powerful motivator – I would never have signed up for this class if it wasn’t.

1. Are you able to put in up to 20 hours per week towards this program? List the times throughout the week you can work on the class. (Ex. Mon: 4-6PM, Wed: 8AM-1PM)

My schedule is not regular. I am a paramedic and work in a hospital. My schedule could be any three days (7am-7pm) of the week. So, even though I’m full-time, I only work 36 hour weeks. With four days off every week, 20 hours only makes 5 hours per day (and I usually work/learn at a fast pace). I also have downtime at work sometimes, so I can knock out a few hours a week at work if I’m lucky.

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how committed are you to graduating from this program (10 is most committed, 1 is least committed)? Explain why.

9/10. I am extremely committed to graduating, but there are many factors beyond my control that could come into play at any moment, and blaming myself for whatever those may be is unnecessary and unhealthy. This program is not long, I have some background knowledge, and I paid for it out of pocket. If I can finish 18 months of paramedic school working six days a week (only four of them paid), and going to school 9 hours one day a week… I will be very disappointed in myself for not carrying on.

6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how committed are you to finding employment as a software developer (10 is most committed, 1 is least committed)? Explain why.

6/10. While it is the goal, I have other plans and interests if it does not happen immediately. An electric vehicle company recently contacted me about employment, which is something I am quite curious about. But, ultimately, I would prefer to transition to a development role.

Lastly, print two copies of this assignment. Share one copy with someone close to you. Ask if they will support and hold you accountable for meeting your goal. Keep the other copy for yourself as a reminder throughout the program.