University of Essex

Action Plan Template

Where do I want to be by the end of this period/year?
What do I want to be doing? (Include as many learning needs as required to achieve agreed objectives)

What do I want/need to learn? Provide a specific description of the desired changes (e.g. skills to gain, knowledge to acquire, topics/themes/content to cover)	What do I have to do to achieve this? Some examples, a new/ongoing course, conference, self-development (like wider research or reading), coaching/mentoring, job shadowing	What resources or support will I need? Some examples, teaching staff support, library support, student advisor support, line manager, etc.	How will I measure success? Some examples, appraisals, course assessments, team feedback, tutor feedback	Target dates for review and completion Note that these need to be realistic/achievable
Improve critical literature review writing skills	• **Reflect on feedback from first literature review** • **Conduct literature review for MSc capstone project**	• **Guidelines and grading criteria** • **Writing samples**	• **Supervisor's feedback** • **Thesis performance** • **External reader feedback**	**01/09/2022**
Homomorphic encryption and covert channels	• **Research on both topics** • **Write MSc thesis on how these concepts can be practically applied**	• **Library support** • **Supervisor support**	• **Supervisor's feedback** • **Thesis performance** • **External reader feedback**	**01/09/2022**
Become proficient with NoSQL database	• **Sign up to course** • **Work on project involving a NoSQL database**	• **Udemy Tutorials** • **Tutor support**	• **Practical application within projects**	**01/12/2022**
Broaden knowledge on statistical analysis	• **Conduct research and sign up to course** • **Actively use and work with statistical analysis**	• **edX Tutorials** • **Supervisor support**	• **Practical application** • **Thesis performance**	**01/10/2022**