Career Path

Step 1: Identify Your Starting Point

Current Role: Junior Software Tester

🎯 **Step 2: Define Career Goals**

Short-Term Goals (1–2 years):

- Gain hands-on experience in test automation (e.g., Selenium, Playwright)
- Master bug tracking tools (like JIRA) and test management platforms
- Earn certifications like ISTQB Foundation Level or Certified Agile Tester
- Start contributing to testing documentation and planning

Long-Term Goals (5+ years):

- Become a QA Lead or Test Manager overseeing multiple teams
- Specialize in performance or security testing
- Break into DevOps testing and CI/CD pipeline integration
- Mentor junior testers and contribute to industry webinars or talks

🛠️ **Step 3: Research Skills & Certifications**

Role Level	Key Skills	Recommended Certifications
Entry-Level Tester	Manual testing, test case writing, basics	ISTQB Foundation Level
Mid-Level Tester	Automation (Selenium, Python/Java), API testing	ISTQB Advanced, Certified Agile Tester
Senior/Lead	Strategy, leadership, performance/security	Test Manager Certification, DevOps testing certs