

WRITE A GOAL STATEMENT

Write a statement of your career goals below. Begin with the words “I want” and write a complete sentence in the present tense. Try to make your goal statements clear and specific enough that you will know when you have achieved them. You could have more than one goal. For example, you might write one statement of public purpose (“I want to obtain paid work as an aerobics instructor”) and one of private purpose (“I want to support my work as an actress with a survival job I like”).

Your goal statements need to be both directional and flexible. In other words, they need to give you both a sense of direction and more than one way to succeed. An example of a goal that is directional but not flexible is “I want to work for the Royal Shakespeare Company.” (What if they don’t hire you?) An example of a goal that is flexible but provides no direction is “I want to be rich and famous.” (Now what do you do?) Your goal should give you both a sense of what to do next and the ability to get what you want in more than one way.


