Short and Long-Term Goals

What is a Short-Term Goal?

A **short-term goal** is something you want to do in the *near future*. The near future can mean today, this week, this month, or even this year. Something that will take you a long time to accomplish is called a long-term goal.

Determining both your long- and short-term goals can help you in your career. Short-term goals help you think about what you can do right away, either as an end in themselves or as part of achieving a long-term goal. In this way, short-term goals can help you manage your time. Short-term goals might seem small, but completing them can lead to big accomplishments in your life and career.

List some of your short term goals:

What is a Long-Term Goal?

A **long-term goal** is something you want to accomplish in the future. Long-term goals require time and planning. They are not something you can do this week or even this year. Long-term goals are usually at least several years away.

Sometimes it takes many steps to complete a long-term goal. These smaller steps can be your [short-term goals](http://www.iseek.org/mymncareers/english-learner/short-term-goal.html).

For example, your long-term goal might be to complete all of your SACE subjects. This could take several years of going to school and studying. Paying attention in class this month might be a short-term goal. Perhaps passing an important test can be another short-term goal. However, achieving these short-term goals will help you reach your long-term goal of doing well in Year 11 and 12.

Long-term goals are important for working toward a career or a job (or series of jobs) you are suited to. Long-term goals help you think about the education and steps you will need to take to achieve your work goal.

List some of your long term goals: