



Student Planning Guide

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Student ID:		Contact Information:	

Setting Goals

In this section we will focus on identifying career goals and linking those goals to a Brazosport College program. First, identify your short-term career goal. A short-term goal is something you want to accomplish soon. Short term career goals are those you want to accomplish in the next semester, this year, or even next year. A long-term goal is something that will take longer to accomplish. Both long-term and short-term goals can help you in selecting your future career.

Example 1: Your short-term goal may be to earn a Licensed Vocation Nurse (LVN) Certificate, but long-term you would like to earn a Master’s of Science in Nursing (MSN) to become a nursing instructor.

In example 1, you would first focus on prerequisites needed to be accepted into the certificate or degree programs BC offers in nursing. Your major would be Office Administration – Medical or Associate of Science. Only students accepted into the nursing program at Brazosport College can declare a nursing major.

Example 2: Your short-term goal may be to become a teacher, and your long-term goal may be to become a High School Principal.

In example 2, your BC major would be Associate of Arts or Associate of Arts in Teaching.

Resources: Career Coach, Gator Guidance Center, BC Catalog

My short-term goal is:	
My long-term goal is:	
The most important thing to me in regards to my future career is:	

Majors

A major is a specific subject area that students specialize in. Typically, between one-third and one-half of the courses you’ll take in college will be in your major or related to it. If you’re earning a certificate or an Associate of Applied Science Degree at BC, you will select a major at the start because the program is much shorter and specific in content area. It is helpful to know the major you are interested in early so that you take the classes necessary for that program and not classes that don’t apply. If you want to transfer to another institution, it is important to explore transfer guides early.

Resources: [BC Catalog](#), Gator Guidance Center Transfer Guides, [Program](#) list on Brazosport.edu

My BC Program/ Major is: _____

I will need a: (circle one) Certificate Degree Both

Will I need to transfer? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, what universities offer the degree you want to pursue? _____

Selecting Courses



Course Information & Selection				
I have accessed the BC catalog online & found my program		YES		NO
I have read the description of courses I'm required to take		YES		NO
I have checked the prerequisites of my required courses		YES		NO
I picked up my transfer guide from the Gator Guidance Center (if applicable)		YES		NO
I have printed my Degree Planner from the correct college catalog		YES		NO

Credit Load

At Brazosport College courses are measured in semester credit hours. In general, courses are 3-4 credit hours each. A full-time course load is defined as 12-18 credit hours or 4-6 courses per semester. A part-time course load is defined as a credit load of 11 credit hours or less. Selecting the correct courses will help you reach your short-term and long-term goals faster. Please note: A typical college course requires, on average, about 10 hours, in/out of class per week.

Desired credential	Number of Courses	Credit Hours	Semesters to complete (Full-time)	Semesters to complete (part-time 6 hrs)
Basic Certificate	4- 6	16-18	1-2 semesters	2-3 semesters
Advanced Certificate	10-15	30-45	3 semesters	4-5 semesters
Associate degree	18- 20	60	5 semesters	10 semesters
Bachelor degree	36 – 45	120-130	10-11 semesters	20 semesters

I plan to be: (circle one) Full-time (12+ credit hours) Part-time (3-11 credit hours)

My learning strengths are: _____

My learning challenges are: _____

Life Circumstances

Students often have obligations, in addition to college, that have the possibility to detour college progress. Working out scenarios ahead of time will assist you on your path to your goal despite challenges that arise.

I must work _____ hours per week.

I am: (circle one) Single Married Divorced/Widow Separated

I have _____ child(ren). My child(ren) require childcare? YES NO N/A

I foresee _____ as my biggest barrier to completing my academic goals.

Resources



Identifying the resources needed before starting college classes ensures that you can seek assistance without having to withdraw from a semester.

Paying for College				
I will be paying for my college on my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I will fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I will apply for Brazosport College scholarships	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I need assistance paying for childcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I will apply for a Federal Student Loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I am a veteran, eligible for GI Bill, Hazlewood, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I know there is a payment plan available each semester to pay tuition & fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Academic Resources				
I am aware of the free tutoring services offered in the Student Success Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I am aware of Supplemental Instruction (SI) available	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I know that the Library & Learning Services have an open computer lab	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I know how to access my BC Connect account	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Personal Inventory				
I have reliable transportation to Brazosport College	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I must pay rent or mortgage each month	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
I am the first to go to college in my family	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
My spouse/partner/parent is supportive of my education	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO



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