**Writing a Personal Learning Plan**

“He who would get the most from study must be willing to give unceasing effort, a protean effort that is ever adapted to the matter at hand, savoring a joke with mirth, applying a precept with wisdom, proving a truth with learning.”

~Robert McClintock

1. Goal. Pick your path. Set a deadline.

2. Current Status. Interests and accomplishments. Classes taken, volunteer work, courses taught, relationships, connections, memberships. College courses taken, creative pursuits, volunteer work, personality test results. Skills you already have.

3. Learning Steps: the specific content and skills you’ll need to master. Even specific books, videos, websites that you’re planning to read, watch, or use.

4. Experiential Steps: the social experiences you want to pursue as part of your learning, including internships, volunteering, travel, leadership of an organization, or experience working with a mentor.

5. Who Can Help: Someone needs to read this learning plan and help hold you accountable for it.

6. Next Steps: What are you going to do in the next day, week, month, and year to make your plan a reality? It’s a good idea to review weekly, monthly, or every semester with your guide from step 5.

**Building a Personal Learning Network**

*“Study is a responsibility to heal the community because it is in study that we learn how to act in the world” ~ Alan Block*

What are some of the people you might include in your personal learning network?

[ ] Family and friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Real-life mentors, past and present \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Twitter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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[ ]Blogs (including the comments) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Conferences, meetups, events, or talks\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]People you’ve met at this conference \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Special interest online forums \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Experts whose books you read or ideas you connect with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]Participants in study groups or book groups, online or offline\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_