

Targets and Outcomes

When students enrol on a course they usually have a definite goal in mind.

Some courses like nursing or carpentry lead to very specific career. Other courses and qualifications can be used in various employment sectors.

Below are reasons which students have given when asked why they are doing their course.

Question: Why are you doing this course?

Answers

1. I want to get training for a job.
2. I want to do a course which will help my English.
3. I want to go to university or a third level college and get a degree eventually.
4. I am qualified but I need to change my career/I need to train for something else.
5. I want to do a course to help me get any work.
6. I am doing this course because it will help me get on another one.
7. I'm doing this course because I can't find work.
8. I'm doing this course because I don't want to look for a job yet.
9. I want to do a course in CAD but I need to improve my English first.
10. I'm waiting for a place on another course.

Do you agree that many of the responses given are vague and indefinite.

Which responses, in your view, show that the student has a definite career plan in mind? (write in the numbers)

Which responses show that the student is not concerned about the future but is just passing the time?

Ask yourself these questions

Why are you doing this course?

Do you have a specific plan in your mind for your future?

Who can help you achieve your targets?

Who will you go to for advice?

If your plan doesn't work out do you have an alternative?

To help you focus in these questions, fill out the boxes below

Reasons for doing this course

What do I hope to learn? _____

What contacts will I make? _____

What will I do after the course? _____

How will it help me find work? _____

What qualification will I get? _____

Future Plans

What will I do after this course? _____

Will I search for a job? _____

Will I try to get on another course? _____

Which course will I apply for? _____

In 5 years time I hope to be.....

Vocabulary – useful words and phrases

wages	employment	salary	security
apprentice	apprenticeship	training	qualified
qualifications	certificate	diploma	degree
trade	examinations	academic	research
recruitment agency	seek employment		work experience
manager	own my own business		self-employed
industry	transport		care work/child care
health sector	public sector		security sector
administration	secretarial		financial
computers/IT	factory		manufacturing
tourism	catering industry		hospitality sector
retail	management		
part-time	full-time		flexi-time