

Career Plan

Career Goal:

Independent Music Artist

General Skills Required:

- Interpersonal communication skills
- Time management
- Project management
- Adaptability
- Accounting
- Critical listening & thinking skills

Role Specific Requirements:

- Songwriting
 - Understanding of various song structures
 - Crafting of melody, rhythm & harmony
 - Lyric Writing
- Production
 - D.A.W. proficiency
 - Knowledge of arrangement & orchestration techniques
 - The ability to see an artists vision through to tangible form
- Audio Engineering
 - Mixing techniques
 - Mastering techniques
 - Thorough knowledge of audio recording equipment & techniques
- Vocal & Instrumental Prowess
 - Proficient in the performance of scales & chords.
 - Ability to play at a variety of genres and tempos
 - Detailed knowledge of how to care for your various instruments.
- Performing Ability
 - Understanding of microphone technique
 - The ability to perform with solo accompaniment or with a full band arrangement.
 - The knowledge of how to book venues.

Career Path Plans:

- **1 Year:** Finish Undergraduate degree = Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Music Studies.
- **2 Years:** Finish Graduate degree = Contemporary Performance (Production Concentration)
- **2 Years:** Use connections, skills & momentum acquired from Valencia to write, produce, & release a song at least every month on Digital Streaming Platforms.
- **2 Years:** Develop a marketing plan in order to promote myself on social media pages
- **5 Years:** Perform live at venues in towns & cities that shown the largest fanbases.
- **10 Years:** Be fully self sufficient using my music and business ventures to live my life.

Summary:

After completing this career plan exercise, I realized I'm actually not as far behind as I think I am. I'm constantly in my own head, usually thinking with the same three thoughts running through my head about how I'm going to be stuck at my horrible day job, I'm working all the time and it's never enough, and what's the point of doing all this. But, after laying everything out that I've been panicking about in my head, I realize I'm not as far behind as I think I am. I actually have a pretty good plan. It's roughly laid out and most likely there will be some hiccups, but at least there is a general direction of where I want to go and what I want to do.