

For Advisors: Next Mission Planning Worksheet

Veterans need space to define their path, but they also benefit from someone who can help them refine it, validate it, and break it into actionable steps.

How to use this section with a student:

- Start every intake session with a “vision check.”
- Help veterans articulate their long-term mission before choosing a major.
- Guide them through the SMART goal process.
- Print or digitally share the Next Mission Worksheet.
- Encourage quarterly “mission reviews” to adapt goals as needed.

Advisor Tip:

Veterans may hesitate to state long-term goals due to fear of failure or feeling “behind.” Normalize flexibility but support them in committing to **one direction for now**, understanding that it can evolve.

Veteran Information

Name: _____

Service Branch / MOS: _____

Current Contact Email / Phone: _____

Vision Statement

Briefly describe your personal mission and what success looks like in your civilian life.

Vision Statement (1–2 sentences):

Career Interest Mapping

Identify the career field(s) you're interested in pursuing post-service.

Target Career Field(s):

Education Goals

Outline your intended degree, certification, or licensure.

Education/Credential Goal:

School or Program of Interest:

SMART Goals

Specific – What do you want to accomplish?

Measurable – How will you know you've succeeded?

Achievable – Is this goal realistic and attainable?

Relevant – Does this goal align with your long-term mission?

Time-bound – What is your deadline to complete it?

Tactical Timeline

1-Year Goal(s):

3-Year Goal(s):

5-Year Goal(s):

Resources & Barriers

What resources do you currently have (benefits, support systems, tools)?

What barriers or challenges might you face?

Accountability Partner

Name & Role of Accountability Partner (Advisor, Peer, etc.):

