

"ROAD" to Success

When you set goals and set out to reach them, you will undoubtedly run into roadblocks. Roadblocks or obstacles are things that get in your way of reaching your goals. There are many ways to deal with challenges and overcome them. Read each of the three situations below and use the ROAD strategy to help you solve the problem.

1. You think you want to major in marketing. You planned to get a part-time job with a marketing firm before the end of the semester. You have applied at 10 firms and have gotten two interviews but both of them wanted to hire someone with experience. What can you do to get experience if you can't get a job? Fill in the ROAD chart to see what your next step should be.

Results: *What is the reason for this goal? Why does it matter?* _____

Obstacles: *Identify the problem you have encountered.* _____

Action: *List three things you could do to move closer to the goal.* _____

Develop Partnerships: *Name some partners you need to accomplish your goal.* _____

2. You set a goal to enter the nursing program by the first of the year. You applied and just received a notice that the program was full and you did not get in. You are very disappointed and think you may just give up on your goal. Fill in ROAD to decide on your next step.

Results: *What is the reason for this goal? Why does it matter?* _____

Obstacles: *Identify the problem you have encountered.* _____

Action: *List three things you could do to move closer to the goal.* _____

Develop Partnerships: *Name some partners you need to accomplish your goal.* _____

3. Your counselor tells you that the best way to find a green job is to land an internship at a company in your area working on green projects. She gives you a few companies to contact. You have tried calling them, but you can't get anyone to talk to you. Fill in ROAD to decide on your next step.

Results: *What is the reason for this goal? Why does it matter?* _____

Obstacles: *Identify the problem you have encountered.* _____

Action: *List three things you could do to move closer to the goal.* _____

Develop Partnerships: *Name some partners you need to accomplish your goal.* _____

Turn this paper over and apply the ROAD strategy to a problem you want to resolve.