

CPL Portfolio: Developing Your Learning Goal

Take a moment to review some of the following tips:

- **Choose a topic.** Reflect on what you want to learn more about. If you're an RECE who is not currently practising or working in the sector, choose a topic that you're curious or passionate about.
- **Consider developing an aspirational goal.** This is *your* self-directed professional learning. Your goal can be focused on something that you'd like to do in the future.
- **Continue with previous professional learning.** What professional learning have you already done that resonates with you? Is there a topic you want to continue to explore?
- **Make your goals specific, realistic, and time-based.** You could create a goal based on increasing either *your knowledge* on a certain topic, or on putting something into practice – or both. The [Standards of Practice](#) are structured to support you in this way. For example:
 - a goal to increase **knowledge** might look like: "I would like to increase my knowledge on the theory of loose parts."
 - a goal focused on **application** might look like "I am going to apply my knowledge on the theory of loose parts."
- **Use your reflections in sections [A](#) and [B of the Reflection and Planning Tool](#) to guide you when developing a professional learning goal.** These sections are designed to support you in organizing your ideas and linking them to the Code and Standards, to develop a meaningful professional learning goal.
- **Link other learning with your CPL Portfolio.** If you've already developed professional learning goals with your employer (e.g., performance plans), consider linking that with your CPL goal. Or, if you're furthering your education, consider creating a goal that is linked to your studies and the Code and Standards.
- **Share your goal with other RECEs.** Discussing and exchanging ideas on your goal can deepen the development process and you may find others with similar interests as you.
- **Remember that your professional learning is about you.** Use a goal development method that works best for your learning needs and styles. Create a goal that is realistic, relevant, and focused on *your own* professional learning.

Other useful resources to support your goal development (e.g., topic ideas for your CPL, portfolio examples) can be found on the [College's website](#).