

Example of Voluntary Professional Development Process

Exploration Geologist

Step 1. Where Am I Now?

Current resume:

Hon. B.Sc. in Geology, with focus on mineral deposits and structural geology.

Registered as a Professional Geologist with APEGM.

Five years experience working with an exploration company.

Involved primarily with diamond drill logging, property mapping and exploration reports in an Archean greenstone belt.

Step 2. Where Do I Need/Want to Be?

Desire to become a project manager within next three to five years, help develop and oversee exploration projects.

Project management has more latitude for growth intellectually and professionally, and has a high value for employer.

Step 3. Where Is The Gap?

First priority for improvement is more education and experience relating to project management. Currently only exposed to project management while working for more senior explorationists, with no direct experience or education yet in this area.

Second priority for improvement is increased knowledge of current models of VMS deposits and the use of geochemistry and geophysics in exploration.

Step 4. Select Appropriate Activities

Selected following activities for upcoming year:

Taking introductory course in project management certificate program in fall.

Requesting employer to be assigned to act as assistant project manager within the next six months.

Reading applicable articles in journals of geochemical and geophysical exploration on regular basis.

Step 5. Do

By end of year all planned activities were completed. In addition, was able to attend a one day course on Applications of Multimedia Geochemistry in Exploration at the Western Roundup.

Step 6. Document

Activities documented and resume updated.