As is evident in the dynamic nature of the emergency management field, it is critical for emergency managers and personnel to equip themselves with the most up to date training and preparation possible. This assignment offers you the opportunity to forecast your own professional path and identify both short- and long-term goals to guide your own “preparedness” as an emergency management official. When complete, you will have a plan of action to guide your efforts to enhance your emergency management experience and skills, obtain promotion, and achieve your long-term career goals.

Begin by considering your current professional status and your short- and long-term goals. Then, determine the professional skills and additional education you will need to achieve your career goals and ensure that you are prepared to meet the demands of your challenging field. Research training and other advancement opportunities available to you through your organization, the state, FEMA, or other agencies and professional associations.

Create a visual representation (e.g., timeline, flow chart) of your professional development plan (250-500 words). The final product should represent a realistic approach to reaching your professional goals over the next 5 years.

Your visual representation should be accompanied by the following:

1. A vision statement for your career development over the next 5 years (Where do you see yourself in one year, 3 years, 5 years?)
   * Completing a master’s degree in Applied Behavior Analysis
2. A list of specific career objectives, which are feasibly obtainable within the 5-year plan
   * Promote to lieutenant within my police department
   * Teach fellow officers the importance of Behavior Analysis
3. A list of key people and description of experiences necessary to help you reach your objectives
   * Key person Michelle Magaña
   * Experiences: Dealing with calls for service as a patrol office and meeting individuals experiencing mental health issues. Not knowing how to appropriately help them.
4. A list of educational/training opportunities necessary to achieve your objectives
   * Complete BS
   * Continue to achieve short term promotional goals
5. A timeline for accomplishing major milestones
   * Complete BS by Spring 2023
   * Enroll in master’s program by fall of 2023
   * Complete program by 2025/2026

Commit to regularly updating your professional development plan as you complete courses and training in the EMM program. Consider adding goals as you progress to make sure the primary objective of staying current in the field is at the forefront of your career plans. Keep track of your accomplishments in an updated resume so you will have a well-developed representation of your preparation upon the completion of your program.

APA style is not required, but solid academic writing is expected.

This assignment uses a scoring guide. Please review the "Professional Development Plan" scoring guide prior to beginning the assignment to become familiar with the expectations for successful completion.