**Five-Year Goals**

As I complete my certification as an educational diagnostician, I have developed goals that I would like to obtain within the next five years. My goals reflect my desire for continued growth and improvement. Once I have been offered a position and accept it, many changes will happen professionally for me. I have thought about what I would like to accomplish and what the next five years will look like:

1. Work with a mentor to learn the role of the diagnostician and attend necessary trainings and staff developments offered to strengthen my knowledge as an educational diagnostician.
2. Finish graduate courses to become a diagnostician and begin practicing in the public or private sector
3. Join a professional organization for educational diagnosticians in the Houston area. This is important for networking and keeping abreast of new laws and procedures that are established for the special education student and community.
4. Enroll and complete a doctoral program for becoming a Doctor of Special Education
5. Begin teaching at a college or university

As I began my new position as an educational diagnostician, my mentor will help me understand my job duties, testing and organizational skills that are imperative to doing a good job. Joining a professional organization, will help me meet local diagnosticians and network at meetings and other training opportunities provided by the organization. Finally I plan to end my career as a professor at a college or university. Once I have gained valuable experience in the field my ultimate goal is to start my own private practice.

As I continue through my professional development, I will reflect on these goals and revise them as necessary. It has been a valuable experience for me to articulate these goals in writing and set the bar high for my continued professional development.