

NC State University Human Resources Employee Learning Plan Discussion Guide

The following Employee Learning Plan Discussion Guide is an optional resource that managers and employees can use as part of the performance-planning process at NC State. University Human Resources created this guide to help facilitate a performance-planning discussion that focuses on employees' professional goals, motivations, talents, strengths and development.

To incorporate this guide into the performance-planning process, an employee should complete the questions below before meeting with their manager to discuss their performance plan. When a manager and an employee meet to discuss the employee's performance plan, they should talk about the employee's answer to each question.

Professional Development Questionnaire

1. What are your professional growth and career aspirations?

2. What talents and strengths are you leveraging to be successful in your role? What other talents and strengths do you have that would benefit your department and NC State?

3. What knowledge or skills do you need to enhance to better perform in your current role? What knowledge and skills do you need to develop your career?

4. What are your professional development goals for the next 12 months? What are your professional development goals for the next three years? What specific actions can you take to achieve those goals?

Manager Instructions and Discussion Guide

If an employee chooses to use this resource by answering the questions above, we encourage managers to use this document as a preparation tool and a guide during the performance-planning conversation with their employee. UHR recommends that you ask the employee the questions below during that conversation, and take notes on their answers. This information will help you learn more about how to facilitate the employee's professional growth aspirations.

Please review the employee's responses to the questions above before meeting with the employee to discuss the employee's new performance plan. Begin the conversation by summarizing the employee's responses to the questions above, then ask any of the suggested questions below.

Managers should use this guide and that conversation to inform [part 4 of the performance plan document](#): Professional Development Plans and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Learning Plan.

1. What excites and motivates you about your job?

2. What aspects of your job would you like to do more of and why? What kinds of tasks and projects most interest you?

3. What aspects of your job would you like to do less of and why? What kinds of tasks and projects are you less interested in performing?

4. How do you prefer to receive feedback and praise?

5. Are there other things that would be helpful for me to do in order to help you achieve your professional development goals?

Note: Managers can add this document to the employee's file as supplemental materials. Managers should set reminders to check in with the employee to confirm the employee is actively taking part in creating the employee's professional development and diversity, equity and inclusion plans.