

Take the Leap in Your Career

Are you feeling stagnant at work? If you feel your job could be more exciting, more challenging, or of a higher caliber in comparison to what you have to offer, it may be time to take a leap in your career.

Challenging yourself at work is a great way to reinvigorate your passion and excitement in your professional life. However, this does not mean you need to quit your job—although, for some, it might. It is important to note that challenging yourself looks different for everyone.

Some may feel that it is time to switch things up completely. These people will make a career change, apply to new companies, or look to take on a new role in their current place of employment.

For others, challenging yourself means pushing yourself harder at what you currently do to increase your performance. In the middle are those willing to experiment in their current role with additional or more complex responsibilities, or expand their skillset.

No matter where you are on the career challenge spectrum, there are ways for you to take your job to the next level.

Bring it on

When it comes to challenging yourself in your career, a great place to start is by exploring the possibilities of your current role. Especially if you are generally satisfied with your position but looking for more or are uncertain of your direction.

Before you are ready to commit to adding responsibilities to your role, challenges can take shape through learning experiences. Inquiring about company-offered training for a new, enhanced skillset can open doors for performance increases or provide opportunities for more exciting projects.

Challenging yourself professionally can also take place out of the office. If you are interested in learning an entirely new skillet or adding on a certification, you can take coursework through online platforms or credit-bearing institutions.

This way, you can still maintain your current position while satisfying your craving for a challenge outside of the workplace.

Once you feel that you have proven your skillset through performance and learning opportunities, you can ask your supervisor about adding on new responsibilities or projects within your role.

Expand your horizons

If you are looking to take a leap to an entirely new position, role, or profession—don't worry—it's never too late to switch things up.

You've exhausted all options: enrolling in training, taking classes, and taking on more responsibility in your position. But you're still hungry for more. It's time to start considering leaving your current role behind.

This is a perfect opportunity to revamp your resume and inquire about a promotion in your company, apply to different companies or pivot to something new.

The most important part of this process is to make sure all of your interview materials are prepared and tailored to the role you are looking for.

Although it is a big change, it is better to take the leap in search of exciting new challenges than to stay professionally stagnant when you have so much more to offer!