



## ***Stake Self-Reliance & Emergency Preparedness***

Quarterly Newsletter



### **Transform Your Life Through Education— BYU Pathway Has Transformed to Help**

Education is the key to improving many parts of your life. It opens the door to more financial security and new life experiences. Many individuals do not, or did not, have the opportunity for advanced education.

Enter BYU-Pathway Worldwide, an online program that provides access to marketable certificates and degrees through Brigham Young University-Idaho and Ensign College. This is not the Pathway you may have heard about a few years ago. It has greatly improved. For example, you can earn a bachelor's degree in three years for about \$7,200!

These tuition costs are significantly lower than other schools. Coursework can be completed online from anywhere in the world. Pathway builds hope and spiritual confidence. All courses incorporate teachings from scriptures as well as modern prophets and apostles, helping students increase faith in Jesus Christ. Its mission is to develop disciples of Jesus Christ who are leaders in their homes, the church, and their communities.

#### Certificates to Degrees

The program offers a variety of skills-based certificates and degrees that are designed to help students increase their income and improve their employment possibilities. This means that students can get a better job before finishing their degree.

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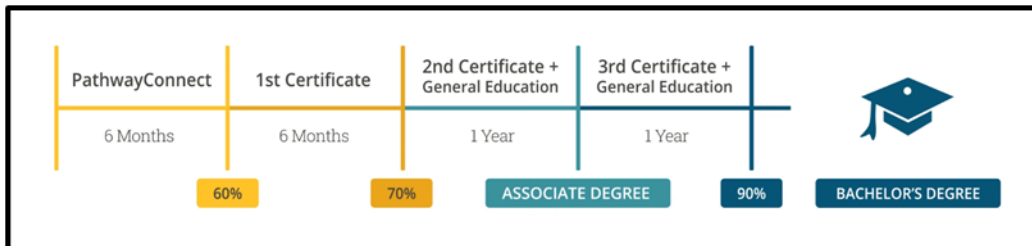
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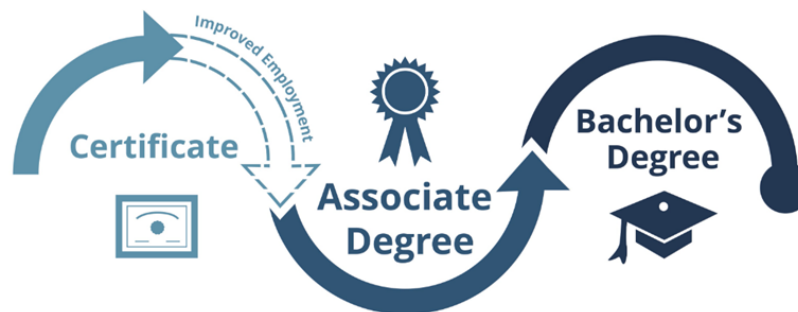
#### **Spiritual Insights**

- Preparation, both spiritual and temporal, can dispel fear
- "...if ye are prepared ye shall not fear " (Doctrine and Covenants 38:30).
- "The need for preparation is abundantly clear. The great blessing of being prepared gives us freedom from fear" (Elder L. Tom Perry)

As shown in the following graphic, 60% of students improved their employment after completing Pathway Connect, 70% after completing their first certificate and 90% after completing their bachelor's degree:



Certificates allow you to customize your degree. First, pick a bachelor's degree. Then select three certificates to build that degree. **You'll earn all of this for the same cost and time as one bachelor's degree!**



While students can choose from a variety of certificate options, BYU-Pathway has found that certain combinations of certificates lead to better job opportunities. Each degree has a recommended plan of certificates that will help students increase their income and improve their employment possibilities.

Certificates	
<a href="#">Administrative Assistant</a>	<a href="#">Graphic Design Fundamentals</a>
<a href="#">Advanced Family History Research</a>	<a href="#">Health Program Evaluation</a>
<a href="#">Basic Accounting</a>	<a href="#">Health Program Strategies</a>
<a href="#">Business Administration</a>	<a href="#">Hospitality and Tourism Management</a>
<a href="#">Business and Leadership Skills</a>	<a href="#">IT Fundamentals</a>
<a href="#">Commercial Fundamentals</a>	<a href="#">Medical Billing and Coding Fundamentals</a>
<a href="#">Communication Core</a>	<a href="#">Project Management</a>
<a href="#">Communication Fundamentals</a>	<a href="#">Social Media Marketing</a>
<a href="#">Community and Environmental Health</a>	<a href="#">Software Development</a>
<a href="#">Entrepreneurship</a>	<a href="#">System Administration</a>
<a href="#">Family History Research</a>	<a href="#">Technical Support Engineer</a>
<a href="#">Family Relations</a>	<a href="#">Teaching English as a Foreign Language</a>
<a href="#">Family Services</a>	<a href="#">Web and Computer Programming</a>
<a href="#">Family Theory and Research</a>	<a href="#">Web Development</a>

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Bachelor's Degrees	
Applied Business Management	Information Technology
Applied Health	Professional Studies
Communication	Software Development
Family and Human Services	
Associate Degrees	
Applied Business Management	Family History Research
Communication	Information Technology
Applied Health	Professional Studies
Family and Human Services	Software Development

Pathway Connect began in 2009 as a one year, reduced cost, online program that grew to over 14,000 students, in 60 countries by 2016. It became BYU Pathway Worldwide in 2017 and today has more than 61,000 students in 180 countries offering certificates, associate, and bachelor degrees. Now a bachelor's degree can be earned in as little as three years.

Get started on one of two paths, preferred or advanced.

#### **PathwayConnect (Preferred)**

- < 1 year and includes foundational academic and religion courses — completely online
- Weekly gatherings with other students
- 2-2.5 hours. 1 hour: Educational and leadership activities related to your courses + 1-1.5 hour: institute class to deepen testimonies of Jesus Christ. Led by service missionaries and senior students.
- No ACT/SAT requirement.



#### **Advanced Path**

- Primarily for U.S. students with significant previous university and online learning experience
- Start directly on degree completion



Costs for either path are much more affordable than traditional options.

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## Tuition Costs

### Preferred Path: \$81 per credit

- Students who finish PathwaysConnect continue degree programs with the same discounted tuition.
- There are no additional fees for books for the PathwaysConnect segment..
- 25% Returned Missionary discount (within the past 60 months—for PathwaysConnect only).

### Advanced Path: \$139 per credit (church members) \$174 per credit (not a member)

- Tuition Discounts are available to all new and continuing BYU-Pathway Students.
- Tuition discounts range from 10%-50%, based on need.

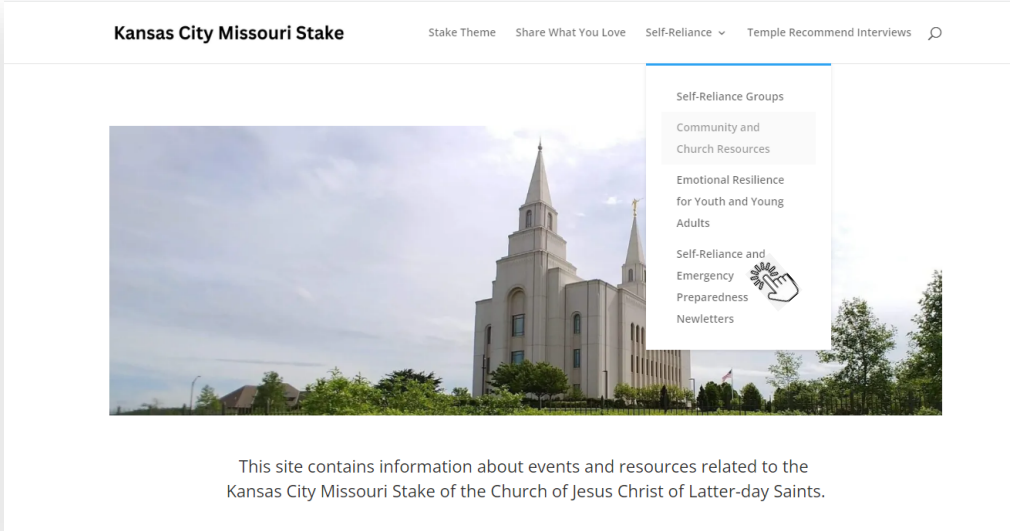
### 2024 Priority Application Deadlines

EVENT	DATE
Winter Term (Begins Jan. 8, 2024)	December 19
Spring Term (Begins Apr. 22, 2024)	April 2
Fall Term (Begins Sept. 16, 2024)	August 27

Learn more and get started by visiting [byupathway.edu](https://byupathway.edu).

## *LOOKING FOR MORE GREAT RESOURCES?*

Head over to the [kcstake.org](https://kcstake.org) webpage and click on the “Community and Church Resources” link shown below! Or click [HERE](#).



The screenshot shows the website for the Kansas City Missouri Stake. The navigation bar includes links for 'Stake Theme', 'Share What You Love', 'Self-Reliance', and 'Temple Recommend Interviews'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Self-Reliance', listing options: 'Self-Reliance Groups', 'Community and Church Resources' (highlighted), 'Emotional Resilience for Youth and Young Adults', and 'Self-Reliance and Emergency Preparedness Newsletters'. Below the menu is a large image of a church building and a descriptive paragraph.

This site contains information about events and resources related to the Kansas City Missouri Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



See additional resources not listed here? Know of services that could benefit someone?

⇒ *Contact your Ward Leadership or a member of the Self-Reliance Committee and let them know!*

### Self-Reliance Services

#### What is Self-Reliance?

“Self-reliance is the ability, commitment, and effort to provide the spiritual and temporal necessities of life for self and family” (Handbook 2: Administering the Church[2010], 6.1.1).

President Thomas S. Monson has counseled, “[Self-reliance] is an essential element in our spiritual as well as our temporal well-being.” (“Guiding Principles of Personal and Family Welfare,” Ensign, Sept. 1986, 3)

## 12 Principles of Self-Reliance

The Lord has declared, “It is my purpose to provide for my saints” (D&C 104:15). This revelation is a promise that the Lord will provide temporal blessings and open the door of self-reliance. He has also declared that “it must needs be done in [His] way” (D&C 104:16). To receive the blessings of self-reliance, we must accept and live the principles of self-reliance, which include the following:

Exercise Faith in Jesus Christ (D&C 104:15)

Use Time Wisely (Alma 34:32)

Be Obedient (D&C 130:20–21)

Manage Money (D&C 104:78)

Work: Take Responsibility (D&C 42:42; 2 Nephi 2:16, 26)

Solve Problems (Ether 2:18–19, 23; 3:1, 4)

Become One, Work Together (Moses 7:18; D&C 104:15–17)

Communicate: Petition and Listen (D&C 8:2)

Persevere (Hebrews 12:1; D&C 58:4)

Show Integrity (Mosiah 4:28; Job 27:5; Articles of Faith 1:13)

Seek Learning and Education (D&C 88:118–119)

Stay On Task, Receive Ordinances (D&C 84:20; D&C 136:4; 1 Nephi 18:2–3)

## Kansas City Stake Self-Reliance Committee Members

### President Daryl Ward

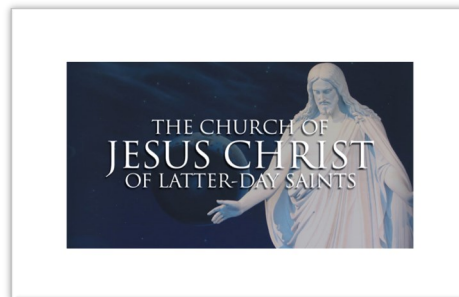
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