



What is Pathways?

Pathways is the Toastmasters education system. It is designed to help you grow as a speaker and leader. You begin by logging onto Toastmasters International and completing an assessment. This assessment will give you a suggested Path for you to follow.

If you decide you want a different Path, you have thirty days to change your mind.

How is it designed?

There are ten Paths from which to choose. Each Path contains five levels. Each level contains a number of projects. An easy acronym to remember is P—L—P.

- Path
- Level
- Project

What does a project involve?

A project might be:

- A speech
- A number of speeches and an evaluation
- Completing a role as an evaluator, Table Topics Master or the meeting's Toastmaster
- Creating a blog
- Creating a podcast
- Moderating a panel discussion

This is just a small sample. There are *many* electives from which to choose. You will also find that many of the electives are repeated across the Paths so you may encounter the same elective on a second Path if you don't choose it the first time.

The links below (and branching off this tab) take you to each of the Paths. There are in-depth details about what each Path, level and project entails.

How long will it take me to complete a Path?

Each Path comprises of around twenty to twenty-five projects.

This might take around two years to complete a Path although Toastmasters *is* a self-paced program. It might take you longer. Alternatively, if you're enthusiastic, you might be a member of more than one club and complete your Path in half that time.

What do I do after I complete my Path?

It depends on your own individual goals. Toastmasters is a big organization with many opportunities. You may want to take on leadership roles in your own club or within your own Toastmasters district.

You may wish to work towards achieving Toastmasters Highest honor – the Distinguished Toastmaster Award. To receive this award, you need to:

- complete two Paths
- serve a term as a club officer
- serve a term as a district officer
- become a club mentor or club coach
- be a club sponsor, conduct a Speechcraft Course or Youth Leadership Program