

## **Walden University Goal Statement**

Program: Master of Information Systems Management  
Specialization: Business Information Management

### **Personal / Professional Goals**

Having worked as an IT-Professional for several years I know how quickly demands on skills can change within this field. Specializations and Certifications can become outdated rather fast. A degree however will always be honored. It will also enable me to further develop my career. I choose the Information Systems Management program in general and the Business Information Management specialization in particular because it reflects my interests in the field of Enterprise Information Technology and provides skills that will be required regardless of which specific technologies might arise in the future. The amount of data that needs to be managed in enterprises most certainly will keep on growing and demand more sophisticated management- and analysis-approaches in order to support business-decisions. I want to continue being a part of this development and a Masters Degree from Walden will help me achieve this goal.

### **Academic Experience**

I received a degree in Information Technology and Business Economics after completing a three-year technical trainee program at BOSCH in Germany. This program included a substantial amount of classroom education in combination with hands-on training within a large enterprise. Both my work experience and education will benefit my goal towards achieving my Masters degree. Additionally, as a professional member of the Association for Computing Machinery I am familiar with the scientific approach towards Informatics and the aspects behind it.

### **Research Experience**

I do not have any research experience.

### **Work / Other Experience**

After my three-year training I worked as a professional for well over five years in the field of Corporate Information Technology. Throughout this time I specialized in the maintenance and administration of Enterprise Resource Planning Software (diverse SAP-implementations), especially their inter-connectivity. Part of my job was to establish enterprise-wide best-practices on connecting diverse IT-Systems to SAP-Systems in regards of performance, security and maintenance. This also included a thorough documentation of the underlying RFC-Protocol. Over the last two years I was working as a Software Developer in .NET and PHP. I recently accomplished Certifications as both a Linux Professional (LPIC) and a Microsoft Technology Specialist (MCTS). Driven by my fascination for Technology and the will to put it to peoples best use I also volunteered to educate other employees at my former workplace as guest speaker for Microsoft Access Database-Design and -Development on a regular basis.

## **Personal Qualities**

I am a team-player. Working in a team, being able to put everyone's individual skills to best use is what I always enjoyed the most. During my time as Leader of a European Team of IT Specialists I also had the opportunity to learn about intercultural communication. This experience made me appreciate diversity as yet another strength of teamwork and formed my true believe in virtual teams. On a different note, I am a fast learner when it comes to IT. Driven by my fascination for today's technological possibilities I have been able to quickly understand, adapt and implement new technologies. This helped me a lot during both my time as a trainee and on the job and will most certainly be of great help in achieving my Masters Degree as well.

## **Why Walden?**

My history of working in a virtual team scattered throughout Europe taught me that most things can be achieved regardless of physical presence. When it comes to education it also provides a grade of flexibility that is unmatched. It allows me to set up my own schedule, giving me the opportunity to learn when it is most convenient for me from wherever I have access to the Internet. As the leader in distance learning and a respected Institution I picked Walden University as my first choice to pursue my goal of acquiring a Masters Degree in Information Systems Management.