

# Setting Yourself Up for Success: Instructor & Alumni Tips

(Preferred length 1:00-2:00 minutes)

VO / Script	Onscreen
	Black screen with <b>Orientation</b> with the ThriveDX logo below it, timed with an upbeat chill-hop style track, nothing elevator music or muzak styled.
Hey everyone! We have an exciting session ahead. Our very own instructors will share their advice to set yourself up for success in the program. Then, you'll hear from program alumni about what helped them reach their goals.  Let's get into it.	Show narrator on screen.
The key to a successful course experience? Ensure you're active and engaged in class.	Show Active and Engaged on the screen as it's said.
Our instructors recommend attending classes with your camera on, asking questions, and getting involved in class discussions with your peers.  Really make the most of your time with your instructors!	Show on screen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camera on</li> <li>• Ask Questions</li> <li>• Engage in class discussion</li> </ul>
As you and your peers complete the course, you will all become part of the tech community. .  Take advantage of the time you have with your instructors and classmates by using social features to network and form valuable connections.	Screen recording of a mock chat between classmates.
Also important is how you represent yourself in class.	Show Representing Yourself Professionally on screen as it's said.
Dress neatly and check your surroundings for any inappropriate items, images, or sounds before turning on your camera.  Check your device, too. Minimize any tabs and close apps, texts, or other distractions before starting class.	Would it be possible to have a graphic made that shows someone minimizing background windows on their PC?  Also this would be a good moment for some humor, it might feel out of place but when the narrator states, being mindful of surroundings before sharing your screen that gives us an opportunity to have a graphic of someone sitting at their computer with something outlandish happening behind them. If not we can use stock footage

	of someone sitting in a neatly put together room at their desk.
These tips don't just apply to class - many tech positions are remote or worked from home and you can use this program to practice and set these habits early.	Show narrator on screen.  On screen: Build Good Habits
One last quick piece of advice.  Take advantage of instructor office hours to get additional guidance on concepts you're curious about. This is a great way to stay on track and learn more about the industry.	Show narrator on screen.
Now, before you go, let's listen to some advice from program alumni that were once in your exact position.	Show Narrator on screen. Show on screen Program Alumni
Andrea A. (8:48-9:00) The one thing that I would give as advice, is submerge yourself in the course, ask questions. <del>Even if you think they're stupid</del> Even if you think they're crazy or outlandish.	Fade to _____ student testimonial if we can edit out the "Even if you think they're stupid" soundbite that would be great.  Show on screen: <b>"Submerge yourself in the course. Ask questions"</b> .
Randall N. (9:06-9:15): Make sure you participate, participation is huge. The more people participated, the best classes were always the ones where people asked a lot of questions.	Show _____ student testimonial on screen,  Show on screen as it's said: <b>"Make sure you participate... the best classes were always the ones where people asked a lot of questions"</b>
Curtis S (10:33-10:43, 10:45-10:58): "Do your diligence to not just be involved in the program, <del>but immersed in industry itself</del> . Start to take the time to read articles and learn about what is actually going on in the industry because it kind of draws you in and once you get drawn in, yes - the information is still challenging, but it's not as daunting because you're invested."	Show _____ student testimonial on screen, if we can remove the sections of text of copy that have been crossed out that would help improve flow.  Show on screen as it's said: <b>" the information is still challenging, but it's not as daunting because you're invested"</b>  Fade out at the last word
	Fade back in to the narrator
We hope this orientation has been helpful and informative.	Show narrator on screen, switch to stock footage of someone working hard at a desk.

As you progress throughout the program, come back to how you're feeling right now: hopeful, excited for all that's to come, and driven to take the first step towards a brighter and more fulfilling future.	Transition to other stock footage of individuals working.
Remember that you have always been worth that first step. We can't wait to prove it to you and help you achieve your goals. Best of luck!	Show narrator on screen