

# Implementing the Roadtrip Nation Experience

Welcome to the Roadtrip Nation Experience! If you'll be facilitating students through this project-based learning course, this guide holds everything you'll need to successfully implement it with your students.

## COURSE LAYOUT



### 1 PRE-COURSE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

3-5 minutes to complete



### 5 LESSONS

About 60 minutes to complete,  
per lesson

#### Each lesson is set up in the same way:

1. Lesson Video: Roughly 7 minutes
2. Lesson Tasks: 30 minutes
3. Optional Lesson Extras: 30-60 minutes, depending on how many you choose to incorporate

You will teach from the top of the page to the bottom, starting with the Lesson Video and ending with the Lesson Extras

Plan ahead for the Interview Project in Lesson Four

[SEE DETAILS BELOW](#) →



### 1 POST-COURSE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

3-5 minutes to complete

## COURSE DURATION

We recommend teaching this five-lesson course over the span of a few weeks. This will give students the time they need to internalize the takeaways from each lesson. As a reminder, each lesson will take around an hour to complete—with the exception of Lesson Four, the Interview Project, which is more involved.

## IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Before students start the course, they are required to complete a pre-course impact assessment. They will also complete a post-course impact assessment after Lesson Five. These assessments are vital to ensure the course continues to drive proven impact as a career exploration resource. They also allow us to keep this course open and available to as many students as possible. Please remind your students to complete both assessments.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### STEP ONE: WATCH LESSON VIDEO

The Lesson Video acts as the foundation of every lesson, and will introduce students to the key themes, tools, and techniques. These videos are roughly seven minutes long and should be watched first, before any other work is started.

### STEP TWO: COMPLETE LESSON TASKS

After viewing the Lesson Video, students will complete the Lesson Tasks. These tasks are made up of Questions and Assignments that encourage students to reflect on their life and career goals. Some lessons also contain Essential Resources—these are tools and lessons that will help students complete their tasks.

Students will respond to the lesson questions by typing their answers in the box below the question and then submitting their work. You can see your students' work when you log into your educator account and view your Dashboard.



## THE INTERVIEW PROJECT

In **Lesson Four**, students will complete an **Interview Project**—the centerpiece of the Roadtrip Nation Experience!

### HOW THE PROJECT WORKS

Students will research professionals working in fields that interest them and reach out to them to schedule an informal virtual or in-person interview. You can help them out by suggesting potential interview subjects and motivating them to stay persistent in their outreach. Many students use Google to search to find contact information for businesses that align with their career or pathway of interest.

They're going to hear some "no's" while cold calling/emailing—but that's normal! You can support your students through this process by reminding them to keep trying or start a new search. This is a great way to talk about how students can practice their resiliency skills when faced with a challenge. Once students have successfully conducted an interview with a professional of their choice, they'll fill out a profile outlining that person's career journey. You might want your students to present their Interview Project for the rest of the class either in-person or virtually. Or, you can view the profile from your Educator account to give them credit for completing the work.

Students also have the option to publish their Interview Project to the Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive and have their work appear in the Roadmap Tool results for others to see. In order to publish their project, the professional that the student interviewed will have to agree to approve the profile via an email invite.

⌚ This project takes time and effort, so **WE RECOMMEND ALLOCATING MORE TIME FOR THIS LESSON.**

#### ⌚ **PLEASE NOTE:**

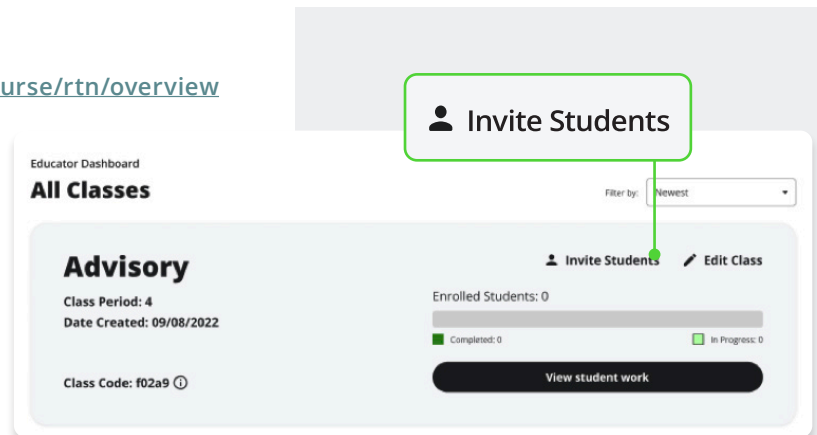
You may experience pushback from your students when they first start on this project. Talking to a stranger isn't something on most people's to-do list—but this is where the real "magic" happens! Talking to someone new takes grit and persistence and might be a brand new experience! Be sure to remind students to watch the Bonus Video to help ease any pre-interview nerves, and check out the additional resources at the bottom of the page on Lesson Four. These resources will make the project a whole lot easier!

# CREATING AN ACCOUNT AND INVITING YOUR STUDENTS

You and your students will need to create accounts to begin the Roadtrip Nation Experience. Please follow the steps below and pass these instructions along to your students.

## EDUCATOR ACCOUNT:

1. Go to: <https://roadtripnation.com/experience/course/rtn/overview>
2. Click on “Get Started”
3. Click “Create Account” (Educator side)
4. Enter your account information and your school information
5. From your educator dashboard, click “ Create New Class” and enter the information requested
6. Click the “Invite Students” link to email an invite link directly to your students—**OR** you can give your students your unique class code when they create their accounts
7. Click on “Course Outline” in the tab at the top of the page to preview the five lessons by clicking “Go to this Lesson” in each lesson section



## STUDENT ACCOUNT:

### Students have two options:

- A.** You can email your students a private class invite link (see step 6 in the educator account instructions above)

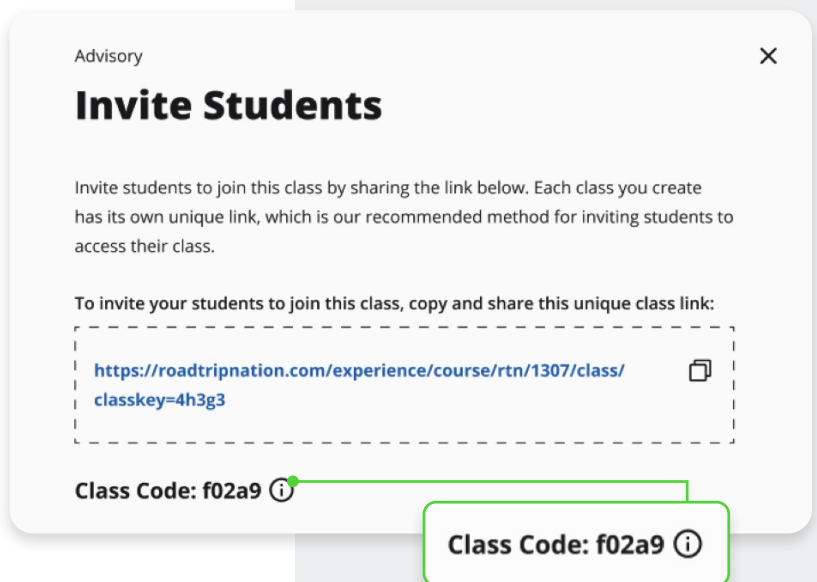
Students will automatically be enrolled and can enter their account information (email, username, and password)—all done!

- B.** Tell students to go to the main course login page: <https://roadtripnation.com/experience/course/rtn/overview>

1. Click on “Get Started”
2. Click “Create Account” (Student side)
3. Provide students with your “Class Code,” a unique code found under the name of each class that you created on your educator account

**NOTE:** If you emailed your student the invite link, the code is already encoded in the url, and they will not need it otherwise

4. Students can enter their account information (email, username, and password)



### If you have questions, we're here to help!

Please contact [support@roadtripnation.org](mailto:support@roadtripnation.org) to get in touch with our implementation team.