# EXPLORING POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

**Naviance Student** 

#### **Lesson Tasks**

Learn key post-secondary terms to help with researching options after high school

Use SuperMatch and Washington Career Bridge to explore for university, college, and training programs that might be the right "fit" for your future

Add two colleges with your desired programs to your Colleges I'm Thinking About list

# LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

### Ready for What Comes Next?

Often well-meaning people ask "what are you doing after high school" as soon as you start your senior year.

This can be stressful and the important thing to remember is to find the right **FIT** for you!

As you go through your senior year, use the figure out what you want to do and develop your **PLAN** for after high school graduation.

<u>Watch: Post-High School Credential for All (video)</u> to get started

#### **Glossary for Post-Secondary Terms**

<u>Certificate of Completion</u> — Awarded in many technical and career fields and designed to prepare graduates for employment. Typically programs are one year in length and can lead to an associate degree.

<u>Associate Degree</u> — A two-year college degree awarded at a community or technical college upon completion of coursework (i.e. Associate of Arts; Associate of Science).

<u>Bachelor Degree</u> — A four-year college degree at a university, college, also offered at some two-year colleges. Awarded upon completion of all coursework. (i.e. Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science).

# **Glossary for Post-Secondary Terms**

<u>Open Admission</u> — An admission policy that accepts students without regard to the criteria of grade point average and/or test scores.

<u>Regular Admission</u> — The application process that requires application materials to be submitted no later than the specified deadline. Admission responses are usually received in March.

<u>Early Action</u> — An admission plan used primarily in highly selective colleges. Under Early Action, you follow an accelerated application process and usually apply by November 1. You will be notified of a decision by mid-December, but, if you are accepted, you do not have to let the institution know of your decision until May 1.

<u>Early Decision</u> — An admission plan well-qualified applicants who are definitely committed to their choice of college. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance or refusal in December. Acceptance under Early Decision requires you to withdraw applications at other colleges.

# FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

#### Post-Secondary College & University Options

#### **Public Colleges Private Colleges** Funded by local and state governments Funded primarily by tuition, fees, and other private sources Usually offer lower tuition rates than private colleges for in-state Private donations can fund generous financial aid packages for residents students W Saint Martin's **Liberal Arts Colleges & Universities For Profit Colleges** Offer a broad base of courses in liberal arts Businesses that offer a variety of degree programs Typically prepare you for specific career Literature, history, languages, math, life sciences Most are private offering four-year programs • Tend to have higher costs and not all credits transfer Whitman **Special Focus Colleges Specialized Mission Colleges** • Focused on a specific interest or student population HBCUs – Historically black colleges and universities HSIs – Hispanic-serving institutions Offer programs, services and activities targeted toward underrepresented students HOWARD

## Community & Technical College Options

#### **Community Colleges Technical Colleges** Two-year colleges Two-year colleges Open access, affordable, no SAT/ACT requirement Open access, affordable, no SAT/ACT requirement Earn an associate degree and/or transfer to four-year college Earn an associate degree, certificate of completion or transfer to Some offer bachelor degree programs four-year college Often programs partner with industry to prepare for workforce Commonly offer programs focused on career pathways



Skagit Valley











Partner with industry to prepare for workforce









# **Training & Certificate Options**

Internships	Apprenticeships	Military	Employment
<ul> <li>An intern is a student undergoing supervised practical training.</li> <li>Real-life applications of the skills students learn in school.</li> <li>An internship is a way to "try on a job" before deciding on a career.</li> <li>*Check out the Internships under Enrichment Programs in Naviance Student</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Training program where you earn wages while learning a skilled profession in a specific field.</li> <li>Supervised by a trade professional</li> <li>Includes classroom studies and on-the-job training</li> <li>Earn a salary while you learn about your trade</li> <li>*Check out the Apprenticeships under Enrichment Programs in Naviance Student</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Educational opportunities</li> <li>Up to 90% tuition assistance for college courses</li> <li>Technical training in over 200 skill areas</li> <li>G.I. Bill-Tuition for any school</li> <li>*Check out the Military Resources page in Naviance Student</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Entering the workforce after graduation</li> <li>Paid positions either full time or part time.</li> <li>*Check out the paid positions under Enrichment Programs in Naviance Student or apply to a job of your interest</li> </ul>

# FIND YOUR FIT

### SuperMatch Search

**SuperMatch** allows you to search for post-secondary opportunities based on your interests.

By selecting different criteria, a list of options are generated.

There are thousands of choices from culinary and military to technical colleges and four –year universities.

Select your preferences and see what you find!

# Log in to Naviance Student

Click **Students** from school website

Click **Naviance** button

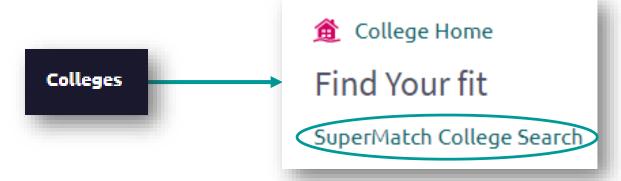
Log in with district ID# and password



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#### SuperMatch

Click on Colleges>SuperMatch
College Search



Remember that many technical, trade, and apprenticeship options are also at colleges in your community!

#### **Find Your Best Fit**

To get started...click the Select Criteria To Start button and customize your search based on your preferences

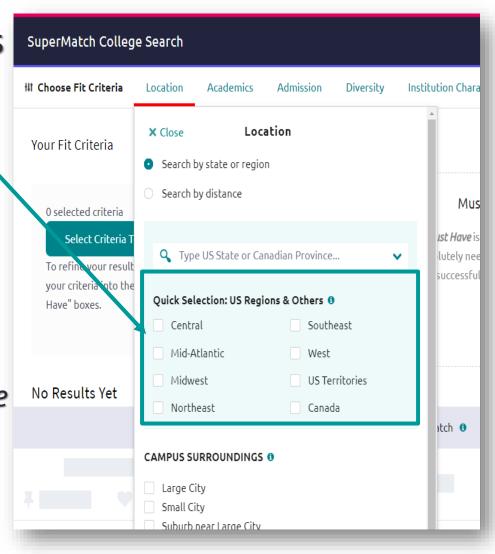
HI Choose Fit Criteria Location Academics Admission Diversity Institution Characteristics Cost Student Life Athletics

Select Criteria To Start

### **More Search Options**

Each criteria will have lists of options to refine your search

You can rate the importance by selecting, Kinda, Very and Must Have (the more information your provide, the more accurate your search will be)



#### Check out a "Match"

When you finish selecting your criteria, click on the name of the college and check out the information.



#### **Explore the Information**

Pick what to show > Pick what to show Custor Admission Info Athletics Diversity Cost Custor Highlights Institution Characteristics Student Life

**Admission Info -** acceptance rate and application fee

**Athletics - Division and sports** 

**Diversity -** male/female, out of state, international, minorities

**Cost** - tuition and fees

**Highlights** – upcoming college visits to your school

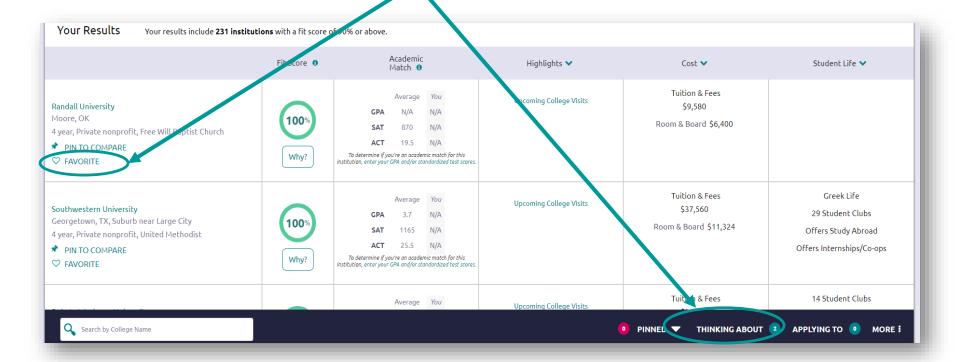
**Institution Characteristics -** undergrad size, graduation rate, retention rate

Student Life - Greek life, student clubs, offerings

By clicking on the University name you can find additional information.

#### Add to Your Favorites

Once you have identified a college or program of interest, click the heart to add to your **Colleges I'm thinking about** list.



#### **Not Seeing Your Future Option?**

#### Check out Washington Career Bridge!

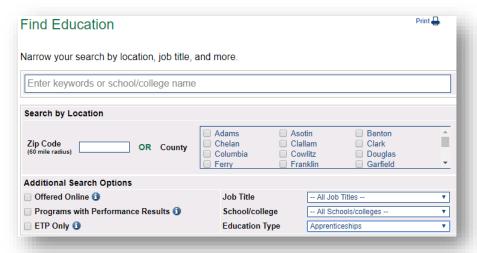
(careerbridge.wa.gov)

**Click Find Education** 

FIND EDUCATION



Type the job title or search by location or search by education type such as apprenticeships.



### Interested in the Military?

On the home page, scroll down to the bottom and click on View all from my school

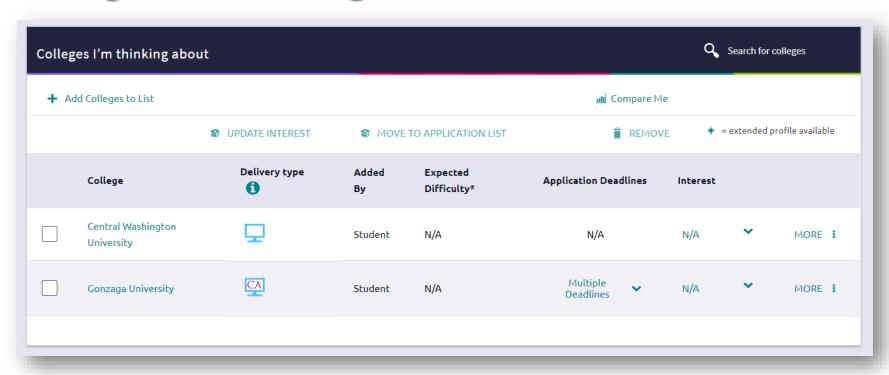
**Click Military Resources** 



# TASK COMPLETION...

### Complete the Task...

To complete the lesson, make sure you have added a minimum of <u>two</u> college and/or programs to your **Colleges I'm thinking about** list.



#### Naviance Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact <a href="mailto:naviance@everettsd.org">naviance@everettsd.org</a>.

Be sure to provide your name and school.

To check messages sent to you through Naviance *Student*, login and click the icon for your **messages** in the upper-right corner.

