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| **Are you ready for what comes next?** | Throughout your senior year, well-meaning people often ask about your plans after high school.  This can cause stress and anxitey as you are working to identify options that are the best **FIT** for you.  Your senior year is about the journey and taking time to develop your own plan for the future.  There are many post-secondary options available.  Looking at multiple options for after graduation and creating a plan A, B, & C, helps you prepare for what comes next. |
| **College & University Options**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Public Colleges:** | * Funded by state and local governments * Usually offer lower tuition for in-state residents * *Examples: UW, WSU, WWU, CWU, EWU* | | **Private Colleges:** | * Funded primarily by tuition, fees, and other private sources * Private donations can fund generous financial aid packages for students * *Examples: Gonzaga, St. Martin’s* | | **Liberal Arts Colleges:** | * Offer a broad base of courses in liberal arts   + Literature, history, languages, math, life sciences * Most are private offering four-yr. programs * *Examples: Whitman, Whitworth* | | **For Profit Colleges:** | * Businesses that offer a variety of degree programs * Typically for specific careers * Tend to have higher costs and not all credits trasferrable | | **Special Focus Colleges:** | * Focused on a specific interest or student populations * *Example: Cornish College of the Arts* | | **Specialized Mission Colleges:** | * HBCU- Historically Black Colleges & Univ. * HSI – Hispanic-Serving Institutions * Offer programs, services and activities focused on underrepresented students * *Examples: Howard University, Columbia Basin College* | | **Community & Technical College Options**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Community & Technical Colleges** | * Two-year colleges * Open access, more affordable * Earn certificates, associate degree and/or transfer to four-year college * Offer some bachelor degree programs * Often programs partner with industry to prepare for workforce * *Examples: EvCC, Edmonds College, Bates Technical College, Lake Wash. Institute of Tech.* |   **Training & Certificate Options**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Certificate Programs** | * Funded by state and local governments * Usually offer lower tuition for in-state residents * *Examples: Welding, Plumbing, Electrical* | | **Internships** | * Interns are people involved in supervised, practical taining within an organization. * Real-life applications of skills learned * Experience a job before deciding on a career | | **Apprenticeships** | * Training program where you earn money while learning a skill/trade * Supervised by trade professional * Both classroom and on-the-job training | | **Military** | * Provides educational opportunities * Gain up to 90% tuition assistance for college courses * Technical training in 200+ skill areas | | **Employment** | * Entering the workforce after graduation * Paid, full or part-time positions | |
| 1. Everett Public Schools is a participating institution in the following **guaranteed admissions programs**, or GAP:  * The [**Guaranteed Admission Program**](https://councilofpresidents.org/_admissions/guaranteed-admissions-program-gap/) with Washington four-year, public institutions * The [**Automatic Admission Partnership**](https://www.plu.edu/admission-first-year/apply/aap-info/) with Pacific Lutheran University * The Guaranteed Admission Program with [Saint Martin's University](https://www.stmartin.edu/)   *Central Washington University*  *Eastern Washington University*  *The Evergreen State College*  *Pacific Lutheran University*  *Saint Martin's University*  *University of Washington Tacoma*  *Washington State University*  *Western Washington University* | **To qualify for the Guaranteed Admissions Program, a student must have**:   * A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (GPA of 3.3 for Pacific Lutheran University) * Completed necessary College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR) courses in high school (typically mirrors high school grad requirements) * Completed the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Form (which is included in the student handbook, the enrollment form, or annual student information update) and provided permission to share high school student information with colleges.   If all of these are true or the student is on track to meet these criteria by high school graduation, GAP guarantees the student will be admitted to all participating institutions. |
| 1. Log into **Naviance** | **Username: district ID#**  **Password: district password** |
| 1. Explore **SuperMatch** by customizing your search.   You can search over 4000 colleges from culinary, technical, 4-year, and military academies.  Click **Colleges > SuperMatch College Search**. Select your search criteria and BEGIN!  Remember to **favorite** colleges/programs to return to later. |  |
| 1. Explore **Military** options by clicking on **Careers > Explore Military Branches.**   Click on the links to access each military branch website.  Remember to **favorite** the branch to return to later. |  |
| 1. Explore options closer to you! Check out colleges (2-yr./4-yr./tech.), apprenticeships, certificates, etc. right in Washington.   Click the [**website link**](https://careerbridge.wa.gov/) **> Find Education > Education Type** | [**https://careerbridge.wa.gov**](https://careerbridge.wa.gov) |
| 1. As you explore options, all favorites will be added to your **Colleges I’m Thinking About** list.   Check out your favorites by clicking on **Colleges** tab. |  |
| 1. **Task Completion:** | Add a minimum of 2 colleges/programs to your **Colleges I’m Thinking About** list in Naviance. |