



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

## Keeping Your Options Open

There are many different ways to continue education beyond high school. Most family-wage jobs require education or training after high school. Just one year of education or training after high school can increase lifetime earnings. On average, college graduates have more jobs to choose from and have lower rates of unemployment than high school graduates. The type of career your child is interested in pursuing will help determine what type of degree and school to explore.

Many colleges typically offer four kinds of degrees: two-year (or associate), undergraduate (or bachelor's), graduate (or master's), and doctoral or professional degrees.

Here are some examples:

| Example Career           | Type of Education             | # of Years | Degree                    | Example School                        |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Warehouse Worker         | Apprenticeship                | 2          | Journey-Level Certificate | Bucher Aerospace Corporation, Everett |
| Licensed Practical Nurse | Community College             | 2          | Associate                 | South Puget Sound Community College   |
| Graphic Designer         | Public University             | 4          | Bachelor's                | Central Washington University         |
|                          | Private College or University |            |                           | Gonzaga University                    |

For more examples, go to: [Matching Careers to Degrees](#)

Source: [Career Guidance WA](#)



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### Have Naviance Questions?

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**Upcoming Lessons in Naviance Family Connection with your counselor:**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Learning Style Inventory**
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Exploring Careers & Colleges**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Road Trip to Your Career**

(\*See page 2 for the full list of middle school lessons)

## Did You Know?

Community colleges are the most common type of two-year college. They offer many types of educational programs, including those that lead to associate degrees and certificates. Certificates and some types of associate degrees focus on career readiness. Other types of associate degrees are good preparation for study at a four-year college, where graduates can earn a bachelor's degree.

Source: [BigFuture](#)