

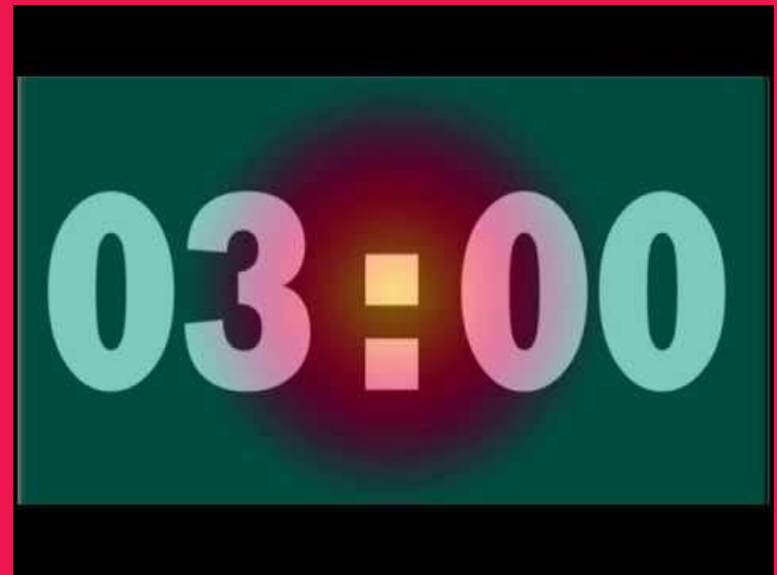
Researching Post HS Options

What Post HS Path is Right For You?

Writing Prompt: 3 minutes

When you visualize yourself as a **high school graduate, where do you see yourself?** Be as detailed as possible!

What are you wearing? What are you doing? Are you inside or outside? Are you alone? With colleagues? Students? What is your physical location?



Note: If you're having trouble imagining yourself over a year from now, or if you're doubting you will get there, think about a person who you trust and who believes in you and who you have shared your dreams with. Now write that conversation down.

Will You Need More Education or Training?

You Probably Will

99% of new jobs between 2010 and 2016 went to people with more than a high school education

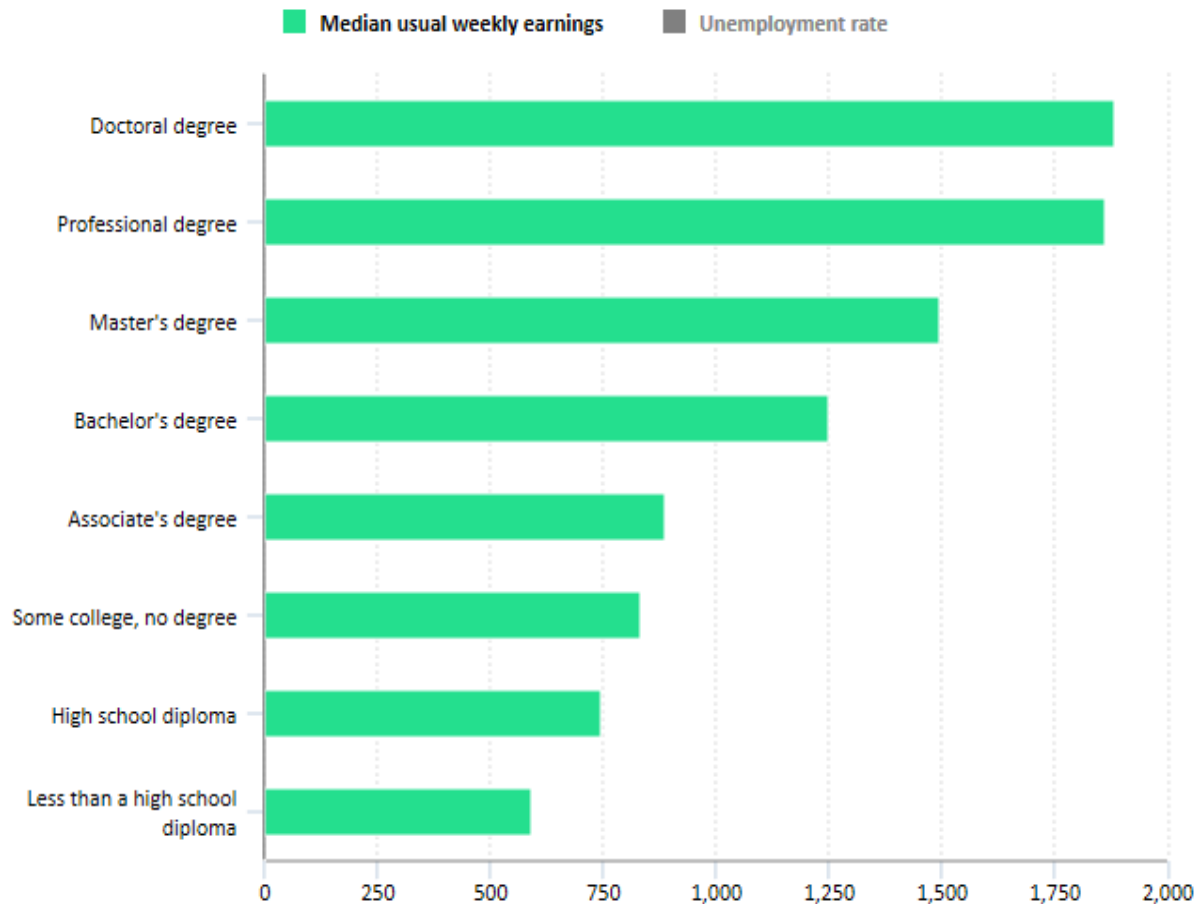
70% of all jobs in Washington require at least some college or technical training

3 times more likely to be unemployed with just a high school diploma

Much more likely to get employer-provided health care with college degree

More Education Leads to Higher Income

Median weekly earnings and unemployment rate by education attainment, 2019



First Steps



- **Consider your own interests**
 - What are you passionate about?
 - Where do you see yourself working?
- **Familiarize yourself with your own learning style**
 - How best do you learn?
 - Do you like large or small settings?
- **Discuss budgets and pathway options with family**
 - This may greatly impact what programs to consider!

Factors to Consider



- Majors/Programs offered
- Tuition/Costs
- Location
- Student life
- Credit transfer
- Acceptance Rate
- Retention Rate
- Size
 - Campus
 - Classroom
- Diversity
- Sports
- Public vs. Private

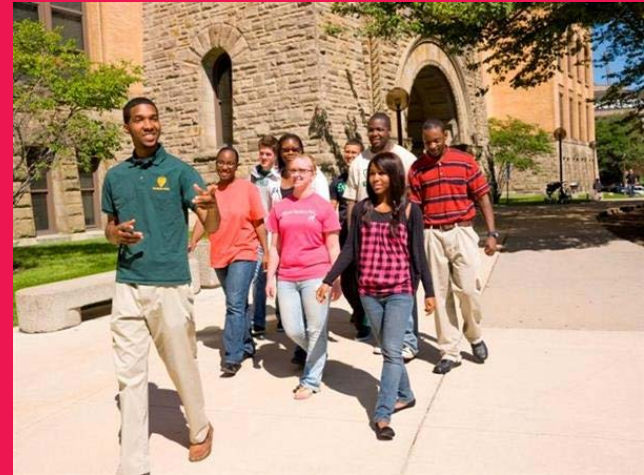
College and Career Fairs



- An event in which reps come to a school or a public event.
 - Currently still happening virtually
- Students are free to ask any questions!
- **Examples of Questions**
 - What types of financial aid are available?
 - What majors or certifications are offered?
 - What is the faculty like?
 - What is students' favorite part about the campus?

College Tours

- Tours are usually led by current students who take you to the best parts of campus
- Ask tour guides questions about their experience both academic/social.
- If you are unable to go in person try to see if a college has a virtual tour and a way to email tour guides and/or questions to the admissions office



College Search Websites

[MaiaLearning](#)

UNIVERSITY AND CAREER PLANNING
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[College Board](#)

 **CollegeBoard**

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Need More Support?

Please reach out to your assigned counselor or our Career & College Specialist, Ms. Novak, for additional support on this topic.

It's important - this is all for your future and dreams!



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Use this link to schedule an appointment with your counselor or career and college specialist:

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