

Other Post-High School Options

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Other Post-High School Options

College is one of several continuing education options available to you after high school. Students may prefer to enter targeted programs that prepare them for a specific career- a career that doesn't necessarily require a college degree and may be more skill-based with lots of hands-on work. Some of these targeted programs include: technical or professional programs, apprenticeships, volunteer or internship experiences, study abroad, or military service.

Technical and professional programs have a special emphasis on education and training in specific fields such as culinary, fashion, automotive, and medical assisting.

Upon completion of a program, students earn a license or certification. These programs range in length from a few months to two-years.

An **apprenticeship** is an occupational training experience that combines supervised, on-the-job training with classroom instruction. The classroom instruction is usually given 1-2 evenings a week.

Educational opportunities programs

The **military** has several branches of service with a variety of work opportunities.

Information about **technical and professional programs, apprenticeships, and military** options are included here. See your counselor, go online to CIS to explore your options, or visit CCC for additional information.

And, please note: there are often scholarship funds available to help you attend these programs!

Technical and Professional Programs

As stated on the previous page, Technical and professional programs have a special emphasis on education and training in specific career fields that don't necessarily require a college degree. Examples of these types of programs include:

Arts/Design/Fashion:

Art Institute of Portland

Aviation:

Westwood College of Aviation Technology
International Air and Hospitality

Business/Legal:

University of Phoenix

Culinary Arts:

Western Culinary Institute
Oregon Culinary Institute

Health Care:

Cambridge College
DeVry University
Carrington College
Concorde College
Heald College
Everest College

Massage/Spa/Wellness:

Oregon School of Massage

Cosmetology:

Aveda Institute

Technology/Computers/Automotive:

Universal Technical Institute
DeVry University
ITT Technical Institute

More Information can be found on the web at:

www.nw-jobcorps.com

www.nwcareercolleges.org

www.imagineamericafoundation.com

Apprenticeships

Can you answer YES to these questions?

- I want to start earning money?
- I want to be creative?
- I want to build things?
- I want to be active?
- I do not want to sit at a desk?
- I have good school attendance.
- I have a good work ethic.
- I am 18 years old.

If so then an apprenticeship may be right for you.

Programs typically last for 2-5 years depending on industry requirements. In some instances, the experience can be applied towards earning an associates degree at a community college.

The application process can be competitive so a well-rounded high school curriculum is important. To prepare you will want to graduate from high school and have studied math, science, and communication in particular.

Upon completion of a program, apprentices earn a certificate and journey card. These are recognized nationwide so once earned it is accepted in any state.

Some apprenticeship programs in Oregon include: automotive technician and mechanic, corrections officer, forest worker trainee, telecommunicator and water service mechanic.

For more information:

Contact the Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI) at www.boli.state.or.us. Click on Apprenticeships to the left of the page.

Educational Opportunities Programs

Gap Year (also known as year abroad, year out, year off, deferred year, bridging year, time off and time out) is a year during which students take time off and do something other than schooling, such as travel or work. The gap year is most commonly taken after secondary school and before starting university (Wikipedia). www.gapyear.com

Northwest YouthCorps programs combine education, job skill training with outdoor adventure for ages 14 to 19 (www.nwyouthcorps.org). Under staff supervision, youth crew members work on conservation, reforestation, and recreation projects, and learn valuable lessons of teamwork and responsibility. Crews camp in the field for several weeks, traveling from project to project. Youth gain a sense of pride that comes with hard work and a job well done. Through education, youth learn to respect and protect the environment in which they live.(Northwest Youth Corps).

AmeriCorps offers 75,000 opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. AmeriCorps members address critical needs in communities all across America (AmeriCorp). www.americorps.gov. Completing their service contract, adults are awarded grants that can be applied toward continued education. Modest living allowances are provided while serving.

Military Opportunities

A Few of the Advantages of Military Service:

- Educational and career training
- Travel
- Specific guaranteed training upon entry
- Free medical and dental care
- Guaranteed pay
- Scholarships and fellowships
- Pay bonuses
- Certain housing, medical, and educational services for families
- Lifetime retirement benefits after twenty years of service

Terms of Enlistment:

There is a mandatory eight-year service obligation for all branches of the military, which may be split between active duty and reserve duty. The required portion of time spent on the active duty and reserve duty varies with each branch of the military. Check with the military recruiters for details.

Qualifications:

All prospective recruits take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). Test results on the ASVAB determine your qualifications for enlistment and for job training opportunities. The ASVAB is given at Sunset every spring or testing arrangements can be made with the recruiters.

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