



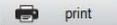
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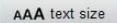
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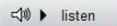
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### What is higher education?

Higher education is any school you go to after high school. You might go to a college or university. You might go to a community college. You might go to a career school. All of those are higher education.

### What is the difference between a college and a university?

A college is a school you go to after high school. You can get an associate's or bachelor's degree at a college. You can get a degree in many different majors. Many students live on or near their college campus.

A university is also a school you can go to after high school. You can get an associate's, bachelor's, or graduate degree at a university. Universities usually have even more majors than colleges do. A university is usually bigger than a college. Many students live on or near their university campus.

Colleges and universities can be private or public. Colleges and universities also can be non-profit or for-profit.

### What is the difference between a public college or university and a private college or university?



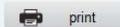
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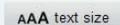
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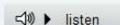
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### Why should I go to college?

If you get an education from a college, university or career school, you will probably:

- make more money.
- have more job options.

### I know what kind of career I want. How do I choose the right school for me?

Different kinds of education and training help you with different careers. Look for a school that has the education you need for the career you want.

Check [MyNextMove.org](http://MyNextMove.org) to find out what kind of training, certification or license your career needs. You also can ask an employer in your field. Ask the employer:

- What training do I need to get hired in this field?
- Where can I get that training?

Then check [CollegeScorecard.ed.gov](http://CollegeScorecard.ed.gov) to learn more about the schools you are thinking about.

Make sure the credits for your classes will transfer to another school:

- Call your local community college or university.
- Ask if they would take credits from the school you are thinking about.

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Going to a college, university or career school can help you get the career you want. You might make more money and have more freedom. But it is important to choose the right school for you. And it is important to know that you can afford to pay for that school.

### How do I know I'm getting a good career school, college or university?

Do research before you choose a school. Check [CollegeScorecard.ed.gov](http://CollegeScorecard.ed.gov). Learn more about the schools you are thinking about.

Be sure class credits from the school you like will transfer to another school.

- Call your local community college or university.
- Ask if they would take credits from the school you are thinking about.

Figure out how you can pay for the school you choose. Find out more about financial aid before you choose a school.

### How do I pay for college, university or career school?

Go to [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov). Learn about:

Choosing a school.