

Post High School Education Options Workshop

Student Activity Sheet

Today's Learning Objective:

- I will be able to explore and compare different types of post-high school education—like 4-year colleges, community colleges, trade schools, certificate programs, and apprenticeships—and decide which one fits best with my interests, learning style, and career goals.
- I will use the Hawaii Career Explorer website to find out the education level needed for careers I'm interested in pursuing.

Activity: What are the various post-high school options?

Directions: Underline/highlight keywords that will help you compare & contrast these options.

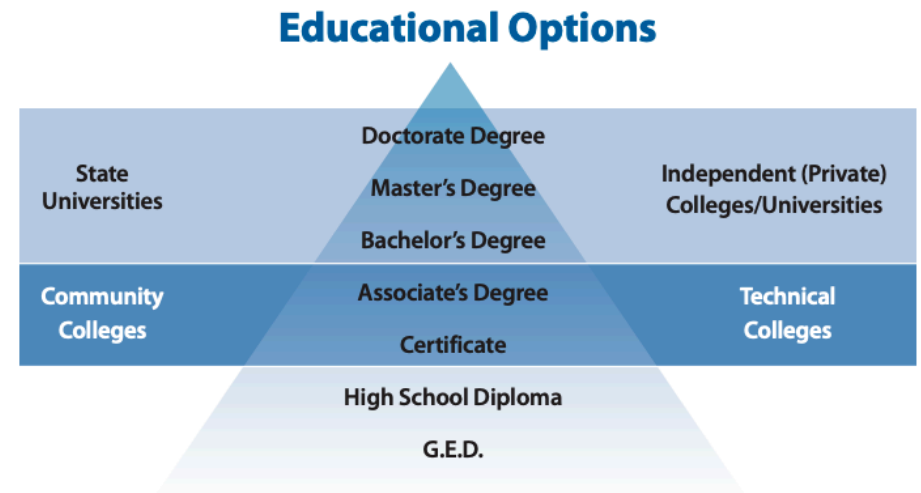
Four-Year College	Community College	Trade School	Apprenticeship	Certificate Program
Synonym: University, Bachelor's Degree/Program	Common Synonyms: Junior College, Associate's Degree/Program	Synonym: Vocational/Technical Schools, Trade College	Synonym: Traineeships, On-the-Job Training	Synonym: Short Courses, Micro-credentials
<p>A 4-year college offers bachelor's degrees, which are often required for professional careers.</p> <p>These colleges typically provide a wider range of academic majors, more research opportunities, and stronger networking connections than community colleges.</p> <p>While generally more expensive, they offer more specialized education.</p> <p>Typical Program Length: 4 Years</p>	<p>A community college offers two-year programs leading to associate degrees, preparing students for entry-level jobs or transfer to a four-year university.</p> <p>They are generally more affordable than four-year colleges and provide a range of academic and vocational programs.</p> <p>Typical Program Length: 10-2 Years</p>	<p>A trade school provides hands-on training and certifications for specific careers like construction, automotive repair, nursing, and culinary arts. Instead of academic degrees, students gain practical skills to enter the workforce quickly.</p> <p>Typical Program Length: 1-3 Years</p>	<p>An apprenticeship is a paid training program combining on-the-job experience with classroom instruction.</p> <p>It allows you to learn a trade like plumbing, carpentry, or electrical work while earning money and gaining real-world skills.</p> <p>Typical Program Length: 3-5 Years</p>	<p>A certificate program is a short course that teaches specific skills in a focused area, without requiring a full degree.</p> <p>Offered by community colleges, trade schools, or online platforms, it's ideal for quickly gaining expertise in fields like computer programming, medical assisting, or project management.</p> <p>Typical Program Length: Few months to a year</p>
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Activity: Educational Levels & Career Goals

Investigative Question: How can I figure out which type of education or training is the best fit for the career I want in the future?

For this activity, we'll use the *Hawaii Career Explorer* website to help identify the educational level needed for a career you're interested in. *Hawaii Career Explorer's* website address: careerexplorer.hawaii.edu

Career Name/Occupation	Educational Attainment <i>What is the <u>highest</u> educational level most individuals have for this career?</i>
Example Career #1: Physical Therapist	Answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 44%-Professional/Doctoral Degree
Example Career #2: Radiologic Technologist	Answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 52%-Associates Degree
My Possible Career: (write below)	Answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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As a high school senior, what questions should I be reflecting on and discussing with my family?

- What are my career interests?
- What is the highest educational attainment I will need to achieve for each potential career I'm interested in?
- Am I willing to commit to continuing my education to the level required for my chosen career field?

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