

## PATHWAYS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Do you know what you are doing after graduation? No? well, that's alright! What is important right now, is developing your post-secondary plan, identifying your first step, and getting you set up for success. here are many different pathways to the careers you may be interested in and the route you take depends on where you are most comfortable starting off in.

If you are considering either of the first two routes or are not sure, we encourage you to check out the "Career Exploration," and "Discovering College Majors" sections to explore what level of educational attainment your interests require. Finding the best program that set you up for success should be our top priority!

- **Technical, Vocational, and Certification**

**Programs:** Many students consider continuing their education upon graduation and pursuing an additional diploma or certification program in a trade or career that is in high demand. You can learn more about this pathway by visiting "[Choosing a Vocational School or Certificate Program](#)" and this [list of vocational programs](#) you can explore.

- **Higher Education:** In addition to the first route, my students may consider pursuing an associate's degree, a 2-year program, or Bachelor degree, 4-year university program. You can learn more about this pathway by checking out the "Finding the Right College", "College Applications", "Discovering College Majors" and by visiting the [college search engine by College Board](#).

If you want to explore alternative pathways that can still set you up for success and allow you more time to explore your options, consider either of these two pathways.

- **Entering the Workforce:** Entering the workforce after high school can be daunting or exciting! Whether it is your first job, your second, or your third, our goal is to make sure that you have access to basic resources and guides to help you make the best-informed decision. Check out: [Sample Resumes and Templates](#), [Interview Tips](#), and [How To Find Job Options for High School Graduates](#),
- **Gap Year:** Students who consider gap years—between high school and their next opportunity—tend to work, become involved within their communities through volunteer work, and prepare for the college admissions process but there are also amazing programs out there that can help expand your horizons in exciting ways.
  - While we are not affiliated with the following resources, we do want to encourage you to do your own investigations into what they offer or can connect you to: the [Teenlife](#), [Gap Year Association](#), [Friends Council on Education](#), [Gap Year Solutions](#), [Global Citizen Year](#).