



IS COLLEGE FOR ME?

After graduating high school many student look forward to putting their educational career behind them to begin the next chapter of their lives. They often question why they should continue their education.

Continuing your education through apprenticeships, technical institutes, and two and four year college programs provides an array of opportunities. Higher education offers the opportunity to fulfill individual goals, live healthier lives, and broaden employability options.

Thousands of jobs remain unfilled nationally due to the lack of skills and training to perform the jobs adequately. Increasingly, open employment positions require a higher level of education and job readiness training. The mismatch between the skills individuals have and the skills employers need leave many individuals unemployable.

Developing a workforce with the education and skill set necessary to bridge the employment gap is essential to the U.S. economy.



WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Preparing for your future begins now! Don't wait until you are a senior in high school.

Tips:

1. Examine your hobbies. What activities keeps you so absorbed that you lose track of time? Make connections between things you love to do and potential careers.
2. Identify defining moments in your life. Pinpoint what about those experiences gave you the most satisfaction. Consider careers that provide that same feeling.
3. Create a list of personal strengths and weaknesses. Investigate careers that reinforce those strengths.
4. Explore careers. Review the required education, career descriptions, earnings and future outlook of potential careers.
5. Review your academic plan with your counselor. Check the educational requirements for the careers of interest to you.

Invest in your future today!

