

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON  
Pre-Collegiate Programs

# MYTHS ABOUT COLLEGE

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PATHWAYS *to* PROMISE  
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To make it in today's world, you need a four-year college degree.



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A four-year degree will give you more career options, but there are many satisfying and good-paying jobs that are possible with an Associate's Degree.

*Education beyond high school is the key.*

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# Types of Post-Secondary Education

60-100 credits beyond  
Master's Degree

PhD

30-60 credits beyond  
Bachelor's Degree

Master's  
Degree

180 credits

Bachelor's  
Degree

90 Credits

Associate's  
Degree



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# Examples of Associate Degree and Certificate Programs

## Tacoma Community College

Accounting  
Early Childhood Education  
Civil Engineering  
Emergency and Medical Health Services  
Paralegal

## Highline College

Interior Design  
Multimedia Design  
Architectural and Mechanical Drafting  
Graphic Design  
User Experience Design (UX) (UI)

## Clover Park Technical College

Aerospace and Aviation Technology  
Construction Technology  
Pastry Arts  
Cosmetology  
Early Care and Education



## Bates Technical College

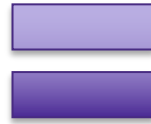
Culinary Arts  
Certified Medical or Dental Assistant  
Cybersecurity  
Automotive, Motorcycle, or Marine  
Technology  
Broadcasting and Video Production

This is a small selection of the **many two-year and certificate programs** that are available at local Washington Community Colleges



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On average, the more education you have, the more money you make.



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The more education you have, the more money you make and the more choices you have on how and where you work!



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You have to know exactly what you want to study and what kind of career you want when you go to college.



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The great thing about college is you DON'T have to know exactly what you want to study, and you DEFINITELY don't have to know what career you want right away.



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You can afford a college education.



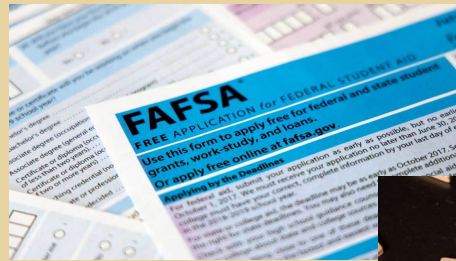
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EVERYONE CAN AFFORD COLLEGE!

Help is available:

- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Grants
- ❖ Student Loans
- ❖ Parent Loans
- ❖ Student Employment



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Scholarships, Grants, and Student Loans are **FREE MONEY!**



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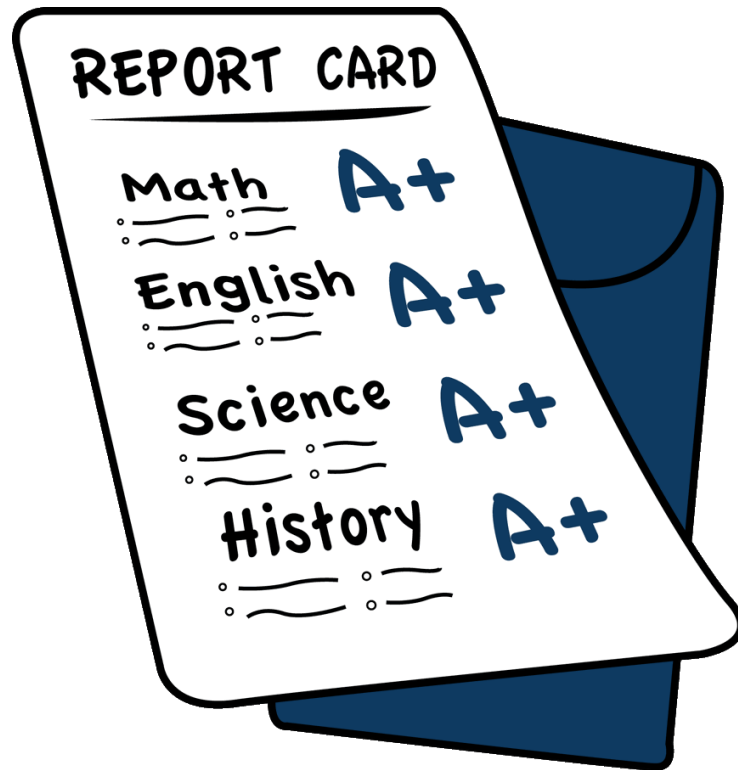
Loans must be paid back. Only Scholarships and Grants DO NOT have to be repaid.



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Scholarships are only for 'A+' students.



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Good grades always help, but there are thousands of scholarships.

- ❖ Need-based aid
- ❖ Merit aid
- ❖ Identity-based scholarships
- ❖ Government scholarships
- ❖ Athletic scholarships
- ❖ Military scholarships
- ❖ Activity-based scholarships



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You need to start planning for college during your **Junior** year of high school.



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**What you do in middle and high school is important!**

- ❖ Courses and grades are the most important consideration in most colleges' admissions decisions.
- ❖ Extracurricular Activities

**START PLANNING NOW!!**

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

## ❖ Make school a priority

- ❖ Work hard in school
- ❖ If you're having trouble—ask for help

## ❖ Plan your high school classes

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| ❖ English                          | 4 credits  |
| ❖ Math                             | 3 credits  |
| ❖ Science                          | 2 credits  |
| ❖ World Language                   | 2 credits  |
| ❖ Fine, visual, or performing arts | 0.5 credit |
| ❖ Academic electives               | 0.5 credit |



# What else can you do now??

- ❖ Visit a college campus
- ❖ Talk to your parent or teacher about college
- ❖ Explore your interests
- ❖ Volunteer
- ❖ Get involved!!

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