

College Profiles

This activity will help students discover what different colleges have to offer, make them aware of postsecondary education options, and help them understand that most careers require some form of education after high school.

Instructions

- A. Prepare students for today's activity by showing EducationQuest's "[Find the Right Fit](#)" video. It's available in the [Video section](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).
- B. Ask students to name colleges/universities they can think of in the state of Nebraska. Write a list of at least seven colleges on the board.
1. Pass out **Options for Education Beyond High School**. Have students partner with a classmate to read the options. Then ask these duos to categorize the colleges listed on the board with the type of post-secondary institution. Find Nebraska colleges by going to "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" in the "11th & 12th Grade Students" section of EducationQuest.org.
 2. Tell students to circle one or two options they are most interested in pursuing after high school.
- C. Tell students they will begin to explore colleges using [College Profiles](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#). (Students may also complete the activity using college catalogs.)
1. Have students complete the **College Profiles** worksheet.
- D. Tell students: You have plenty of time to choose the college that's the best fit for you. In the meantime, keep your options open by:
- doing your absolute best in school
 - planning your high school classes in advance
 - taking the most challenging classes you can in middle and high school



Options for Education Beyond High School

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Apprenticeship programs:

Apprentices are paid while they learn a trade. An apprenticeship can last months or years depending on the trade. Apprentices gain on-the-job training and attend classes about the trade.

Examples: bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, roofers, and sheet metal workers.

Private Career Schools:

Students attend these schools to learn a specific occupation and typically earn an associate degree, certificate or diploma. Programs can last for several months to a couple of years. *Examples: cosmetology, massage therapy, respiratory therapy, and administrative assistant.*

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Military:

Students wanting to gain leadership skills, self-discipline, self-confidence, and mental and physical maturity may choose to enter a U.S. military branch. Armed services can provide benefits such as job training and placement, retirement pensions and college tuition assistance. *Examples: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, and Coast Guard.*

Community Colleges:

These colleges offer a broad range of programs typically at a lower cost than other educational institutions. Generally, they offer diplomas, certificates and associate degrees. Some programs enable a student to get a job right away; others prepare a student to transfer to a four-year college.

College Examples: _____

Public and Private Colleges and Universities:

Students who wish to pursue a broad academic course of study generally choose a four-year public or private college or university. Graduates of a four-year institution earn a bachelor's degree. Some institutions also offer master's and other graduate degrees. Completion of a bachelor's degree means a student has studied a broad range of subjects, along with specialized subject areas called majors.

College Examples: _____

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Go to **EducationQuest.org** and click on "[College Profiles](#)."

What career field do you want to study? _____

What kind of school do you plan to attend?

_____ 2-year school _____ 4-year school _____ private career school

Where do you want to go to college?

_____ close to home _____ in the same state _____ in another state

	First college choice	Second college choice
What two colleges interest you?		
What academic programs does the school offer that interest you?		
How much is tuition? Books? Room and Board?		
What are entrance requirements?		
What kind of housing is available? (residence halls? fraternity/sorority houses? No campus housing?)		
What activities does the school offer that interest you?		