

Not sure about what
you want to do right
after you graduate?

OPTIONS OTHER THAN FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE THAT
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER



Learning Targets

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2. Families will be exposed to the benefits of serving in AmeriCorps.
3. Families will be exposed to the benefits serving in the military.
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AmeriCorps NCCC

- Full-time, 10 month residential program for 18-24 year olds
- Network of service programs that give back within the USA
- Work in teams of 15 who travel and work together within a region of the USA
- Benefits:
 1. \$4000 living allowance that you are encouraged to save to help you get established after your 10 months of service
 2. Room and board, uniforms and healthcare are all paid in full
 3. \$5730 education award that you can apply to college after your 10 months of service
 4. Learn valuable work skills that employers want to see
- If you are interested, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps/ Americorps-nccc> for more details.

Military Service

How do you qualify:

- Aptitude (What is your ASVAB score? The higher the score, the more military career option you have. **High school diploma is required.**)
- Physical requirements (vary by branch but all branches of the military have fitness requirements)
- Conduct (criminal record can disqualify you)

Benefits:

- Valuable training that you can apply to careers after your military service. Employers love to hire veterans!
- Travel the world, earn a competitive salary, tuition support for when you decide to attend college, full-medical coverage and lifetime benefits as a veteran.

If you are interested, visit <http://todaysmilitary.com/joining> or contact our local recruiting office at 2502 Highway 6 & 50

Technical and Community Colleges

	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATION	DEGREE	LICENSE
AWARDED BY...	Education Institution	Business, trade associations, industry	Education Institution	Government Agency
RESULTS FROM...	Course of Study	Assessment	Course of Study	Meeting Requirements
INDICATES...	Education	Skill Mastery	Education	Legal Permission
COMPLETED IN...	>2 Years	Variable	2+ Years	Variable
MAINTAINED BY...	N/A	Skill practice, re-assessment	N/A	Re-application, continuing education
EXAMPLE...	ServSafe Food Handler, Green Manufacturing Specialist, Certificate in Business Administration	Certified Welder (CW), Certified Logistics Technician (CLT), Certified International Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)	Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Engineering	Registered Nurse (RN), Cosmetologist, Master Plumber

Benefits

- Train for some of the most in-demand, good-paying careers in 9 months to two years
- Community colleges tend to be less expensive and have smaller classes than four-year colleges
- Many career and technical education graduate employers will pay you to continue your education to a higher level certificate or degree
- Open enrollment so anyone with a high school diploma is accepted
- Most accept FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) just like four-year colleges

If you are interested, you can research technical and community colleges that offer the programs you are interested in using [Naviance](#).

What can you do now to keep these options open to you?

1. Take classes that help you explore your areas of interest.
2. Take advantage of service learning opportunities that help you explore your areas of interest.
3. Keep your course load as rigorous as you can handle to increase your ASVAB and ACT scores.
4. Attend school regularly and ask for help when you need it.
5. Talk with our special guests to learn more about their programs.
6. Visit the websites we mentioned to learn more.

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