

# Not Going to a Four-Year College?



It's okay not to go to traditional college. Many jobs do not require a four-year degree, but it is very important to get some kind of training beyond high school to ensure you have the skills and knowledge to earn a livable wage.

The following are options for students who desire a rewarding career without a bachelor's degree:

**Applied Technology College:** Training programs are two years or less. Davis Technology College (DTC) and Ogden-Weber Technology College (OWTC) offer a wide variety of programs. Many of these programs can be started while a student still attends high school. See your counselor or CTE coordinator for more information.

**Community College:** Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), Weber State University (WSU), and Utah State University (USU) all offer Career & Technical certificate programs that can be completed in two years or less. You can also earn an associate degree in many programs that can transfer to a four-year university.

**Business School:** Ensign College offers certificates and/or degree programs in Accounting, Business, Communications, Digital Marketing, Finance, Hospitality & Tourism, Sales, Supply Chain Management, Public Relations, and Software Development. See their website for more information.

**Specialized Schools:** There are many specialized schools along the Wasatch Front. These schools train students for a specific occupation (e.g., Nursing, Dental Hygiene, or Physical Therapy Assisting). Completion time varies with each program, but it is often shorter than a traditional college program. Examples include Provo College, Eagle Gate College, or Western Governor's University. Make sure the school is accredited before deciding to attend!

**Apprenticeships:** An apprenticeship is a relationship between an employer and employee during which the employee, or apprentice, learns a trade from an experienced mentor. An apprenticeship includes on-the-job training plus any related instruction (classes). You can get more information from our CTE coordinator, Davis Technical College (DTC), or Department of Workforce Services.

**Military:** The various military branches offer numerous ways to go to college or receive skilled training. Explore opportunities by visiting with a military recruiter. The GI Bill is a financial benefit for veterans (or their family) to use to cover some of costs for training programs after they leave the military.

**Department of Workforce Services (DWS):** DWS provides employment services to anyone in the community. DWS offers help with vocational testing, job applications, apprenticeships, etc.

**On-the-Job Training:** On-the-job training is often provided for jobs that require relatively short training periods or if the employer wants to teach specific skills. A high school diploma is desirable for this type of training and may be mandatory for employment. Some potential employers may include the airlines, federal government (postal workers), UPS, FedEx, retail sales, factory machine operators, warehousing, etc.