

# What's the Next Step After High School?

Researching College and other  
Post-Secondary Options



- What school should I go to learn to be a chocolate candy worker?

# How do I narrow my college search?

College Board's Big Future College search engine let's you narrow your focus.

- I would like to stay in Michigan
- I would like to study graphic design
- My GPA and ACT score are not what they should be, I am worried about getting in
- What if I start out at the community college?
- What about paying for college?

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3,993 college  
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right ones for you.  
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the way.

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Not sure you can go to college? See how students in your shoes made it and get help overcoming obstacles. Go to the [YouCanGo!](#) site.

# College Search

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## SELECT FILTERS

### Type of School

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Michigan

Don't care Want Must have

### Campus & Housing

#### Majors & Learning Environment

##### Graphic Design

Don't care Want Must have

### Sports & Activities

#### Applying

##### Selectivity

Don't care Want Must have

#### Academic Credit

##### 2-year credits transfer

Don't care Want Must have

100% Match




**Central Michigan University**  
Mount Pleasant, MI

100% Match




**Spring Arbor University**  
Spring Arbor, MI


100% Match




**Western Michigan University**  
Kalamazoo, MI




**Baker College of Muskegon**  
Muskegon, MI




**Baker College of Port Huron**  
Port Huron, MI



**Delta College**  
University Center, ...



**Finlandia University**  
Hancock, MI



**Jackson Community College**  
Jackson, MI



**Lansing Community College**



**Mott Community College**



**Saginaw Valley State University**

# Other college search websites

- <http://www.princetonreview.com/SchoolSearch.aspx?sch=COLLEGE>
- <https://cnsearch.collegenet.com/#/custom>
- <http://www.collegeview.com/collegesearch/index.jsp>
- [http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/right-school?s\\_cid=content-center:college-hp](http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/right-school?s_cid=content-center:college-hp)
- <http://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>
- [http://www.allaboutcollege.com/colleges/united\\_states/usa.htm](http://www.allaboutcollege.com/colleges/united_states/usa.htm)

\*these are just a few to start with...there are others! Try “googling” your interests or colleges you are considering.

# What if I am sure I will start out at the community college?

- Pick a two year college that you know will transfer to a four year college or university
- How do you know?
- <http://www.macrao.org>

This website allows students who have completed a course at a Michigan College or University to find the equivalency for that course at other Michigan Colleges or Universities

- Remember to consult a counselor at both the community college & the four year college you are planning on attending.



# MACRAO

Michigan Association of Collegiate  
Registrars & Admissions Officers

## Michigan Colleges & Universities

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### Michigan Transfer Network

A centralized web-based system that allows students who have completed a course at a Michigan College or University to find the equivalency for that course at other Michigan Colleges or Universities.

## Colleges with Online Transfer Equivalencies Information

### Public Four-Year Colleges



Central Michigan University  
Transfer Equivalency

### Private Four-Year Colleges



Adrian College  
Transfer Equivalency

### Public & Private Two-Year Colleges



Alpena Community College  
Transfer Equivalency

[Bay de Noc Community College](#)

[Bay de Noc Community College](#)



How do I know what requirements I need to meet in order to transfer to a four year university?

- You can go back to College Board's website to search by college name, then choose "For Transfer Students."
- You can go directly to the college's website, search "Admissions" or "Apply" and look for the link to "Transfer Students."

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/michigan-state-university?searchType=college&q=MichiganStateUniversity>

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Minimum number of credits

2

Minimum college GPA (on a 4.0 scale)

2

Lowest grade earned for course that may be transferred for credit (on a 4.0 scale)

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Maximum credits/courses from a 2-year institution

90

Maximum credits/courses from a 4-year institution

30

Minimum credits transfers must complete to earn bachelor's degree

## Admissions Requirements

### Requirements

- Essay or Personal Statement
- Statement of good standing from Prior Institution(s)
- College Transcript(s)

## Application Due Date

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Transferring application due



What's the path from a 2-year to 4-year college?

Earl Johnson, Associate Vice President and Dean of Admission, University of Tulsa

Students who applied for transfer

5,526



<https://admissions.msu.edu/apply/transfer>

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## Transfer Admission Criteria

Admission as a transfer student is based on consistent academic performance, including all grades, courses, and attempts at all previously attended institutions. Applicants with a GPA below 2.0 are not admissible.

Transfer students are required to have:

- Completion of one year of English composition equivalent to Michigan State's Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures course Writing: Science and Technology (WRA 110). This equivalent must be completed at least one full semester before the desired term of enrollment at MSU
- Completion of a math course equivalent to MSU's Intermediate Algebra (MTH 1825) course or higher; College Algebra (MTH 103) is preferred. This equivalent must be completed at least one full semester before the desired term of enrollment at MSU

The above requirements alone do not guarantee admission; consideration is stronger for applicants who have completed:

- 28 or more credits deemed transferable to MSU (students with fewer than 28 transferable credits must have official ACT or SAT testing information sent to our office, along with an official final high school transcript)
- 3.0 GPA or higher, with consistent grade performance
- Requirements for limited enrollment majors where necessary

Students with 42 or more credits completed must select a major; the majors of no preference, premedical, prenursing, preoptometry and preveterinary cannot be chosen.

I just don't think the traditional college setting is for me.

What other options are out there?

# Work Colleges:

<http://www.workcolleges.org/>

- A **work college** is a type of institution of higher learning where student work is an integral and mandatory part of the educational process. At a work college, all students work, regardless of their academic program or their financial need.
- Students typically work 10 to 15 hours per week, with jobs varying from teaching assistantships to nurturing animals on the campus grounds. The work programs at these work colleges are seen as being beneficial both to the student and the institution; the student is able to obtain work experience while in school, reduce their debt load, and meet college expenses, while the institution is able to hire fewer full-time staff.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Work\\_college](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Work_college)

- Students are earning a four year degree in a Work College- the approach to obtaining that degree is non-traditional
- Work Study Colleges
  - 1 Alice Lloyd College
  - 2 Berea College
  - 3 Blackburn College
  - 4 College of the Ozarks
  - 5 Ecclesia College
  - 6 Sterling College
  - 7 Warren Wilson College

## Welcome to the Work Colleges Consortium!



We are a group of Colleges offering an innovative concept in higher education—purposefully integrating a college education with valuable work experience and service to others. Though innovative, this approach is not new. In fact, 'earning while learning' has a 150+year track record of providing college educations and valuable work experience to thousands of promising individuals. Our graduates are business leaders, inventors, teachers, elected officials and likely members of your community.

We hope that you, whether student, parent, educator or professional are able to get a sense of who we are, what we do and how we do it.

We are the only seven federally recognized Work Colleges in the United States and proud of that distinction. Though each of our seven colleges is unique, we collectively believe in and support the purposeful integration of work, learning and service. This allows us to offer students the opportunity to receive reduced tuition, multiple transferrable skill sets and real-world work experience.

Working while at a college might not be for everyone but we deeply believe and advocate all the advantages it has to offer. See what our students have to say.

Check out the latest data and research in the **NEW** [2012 Work Colleges Consortium Brochure](#) and see why work college students graduate with some of the lowest debt in the nation: [Project on Student Debt](#).

## Important Dates

### Faculty Staff Grants

Faculty Staff Grant Recipients will be announced on July 10, 2012

### 2012 Fall Conference

The 2012 Fall Conference will be held in Washington DC November 13-16.



# Colleges That Change Lives: <https://ctcl.org/>

- “Colleges That Change Lives, Inc. (CTCL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and support of a student-centered college search process. We support the goal of each student finding a college that develops a lifelong love of learning and provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond college.”
- Use this website to search for colleges that fit the above category, and could be the best fit for you.  
<https://ctcl.org/category/college-profiles/>
- Are there any Colleges That Change Lives here in Michigan?  
    Hope College [www.hope.edu](http://www.hope.edu)  
    Kalamazoo College [www.kzoo.edu](http://www.kzoo.edu)

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## Anime to Ultimate Frisbee - Choice By Interest

It is not unreasonable to narrow the field by looking for colleges that have your non-academic interests, whether that is leadership, sports, or hobbies. Use search engines and college web sites to investigate whether you can keep doing the activities you enjoy and find others who share your passion. [More >>](#)

## HOW TO DO A COLLEGE SEARCH

### Who We Are

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### College Search FAQ



When should I go on a campus visit?  
How many schools should I apply to?  
What's a Wait List? Find the answers to these and so many more questions

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Colleges that Change Lives on Facebook



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Colleges that Change Lives

Saturday night in Austin??  
Come and have fun finding out how to choose a



# What if I don't want to go to a four year college or university?

- I want to get trained and get to work as soon as possible.
- I am really not interested in a four year degree
- What other options do I have?

# Vocational & Technical Training Options

- A. [OCC](#) offers several certificate and degree programs connected with apprenticeship opportunities that provide a good value and offer students the skills needed for several skilled trades.
- B. <http://www.oaklandcc.edu/FutureStudents/CertificatePrograms.aspx> is a link to OCC's accelerated career and certificate program offerings. The programs listed are completed in less than 45 weeks and range in cost between \$765 and \$2500.
- C. <http://www.oaklandcc.edu/Catalog/Programs/ProgramsAtoZ.aspx> is a link to all of OCC's programs whether it is a degree or certificate program. Students who are interested in obtaining training that will lead directly to employment but unsure of what direction to take, this link will show all of OCC's offerings.
- D. <https://www.schoolcraft.edu/academics/> is a link to all of Schoolcraft's degree and program offerings. **Student can earn certificates or associates degree depending on their area of interest.**
- E. <https://www.rwm.org> is a vocational school database for PRIVATE schools offering vocational training throughout the country. The site is easy to navigate, but it should be stressed that this is a link for PRIVATE schools only and students may be able to get the same training for a lesser cost elsewhere.
- F. <https://www.mitalent.org/job-seeker> is a link to the job seekers page of the Michigan Talent website. This public agency provides for job seekers information on finding a job, writing resumes, finding vocational training programs, etc. It is a FREE service.



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## Departments and Programs

Students can choose from more than 60 different areas of study at Schoolcraft College. In addition, Schoolcraft offers a variety of paths by which students can pursue their education and career goals.

**Skills certificates** average five or six courses, requiring 16–19 credit hours. Most skills certificates can be completed in only one or two semesters of full-time study.

**Certificates** average 10–12 courses, requiring 27–48 credit hours, depending on the program. By attending Schoolcraft College full-time, students can earn a certificate in as little as two or three semesters. Most credits earned for a certificate can also be applied to an associate degree in the same, or a similar, area of study.

**Associate degrees** average 20–22 courses, requiring 60–80 credit hours, depending on the program. Associate degrees generally take four or five semesters of full-time study, or approximately two years to complete. Occupational program degrees are designed to prepare students for employment upon completion of their associate degree. Transfer associate degrees, which are offered in several areas of study, are designed to prepare those students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university after completing their coursework at Schoolcraft College.

**Post-associate certificates** average five or six courses, requiring an average of 16 credit hours. They can generally be completed in one or two semesters of full-time study. A student may enter a post-associate program after earning an associate degree from any accredited college and provides the degree holder with advanced job skills.

**Courses** are offered in a number of subject areas to which there is not a certificate or degree program available. However many of these courses can be applied toward a Schoolcraft certificate or degree in another area of study. These courses can be taken for personal or professional interest, or for transfer to a four-year college or university.

**Note:** The codes listed in the chart below represent Program Codes that are used in the application process and as a part of a student's academic record at Schoolcraft College.

**Most of the associate degree programs offered by Schoolcraft College are transferable to four-year colleges and universities. Consult with your counselor/academic advisor to ensure your credits will transfer.**

Departments and Programs	Program Codes (PDFs)				Courses Only	Course Descriptions	Accreditation/ Student Outcomes
	Skills Certificate	Certificate	Associate/Transfer Degree	Post-Associate Degree			
<a href="#">Accounting</a>		1YC.00001	AAS.00005			ACCT	
<a href="#">Accounting for Small Business</a>	CRT.00365 <i>Gainful Employment Disclosure*</i>					ACCT	
<a href="#">Allied Health Education</a>					√	AHE	
<a href="#">Anthropology</a>			†		√	ANTH	
<a href="#">Arabic</a>			†		√	ARB	

<https://www.rwm.org>



## Vocational Schools Database

**RWM** provides a database of Private Postsecondary Vocational Schools in all 50 states. It is organized first by state, then by Training Occupation.

Included are private schools that offer certificates, diplomas, associate (junior college) degrees, and bachelor (college) degrees in various Business, Trade and Technical disciplines.

The RWM Vocational School database includes online schools, including information on getting a [high school diploma online](#) from an accredited [online high school](#).

Training for an in-demand career is an investment in your economic future. Whether you want to work in the [electronics and HVAC](#) industry, or in an [automotive](#), [healthcare](#), [paralegal](#) or [IT technology](#) position, you'll find the courses and programs here that let you achieve your goals. Get the certification that tells potential employers they can hire you with confidence.

### Find a school that's right for you.

Subject:

All Subject

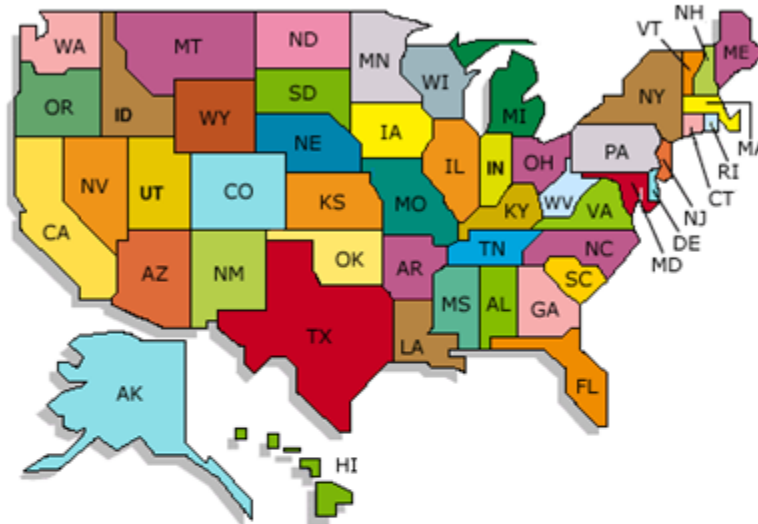
Degree:

All Degree

Online ☐ Campus ☐ Both ☒

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### MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCIES

## For Job Seekers

Michigan Works! offers many services to those seeking employment including resume assistance, mock interviewing, writing effective cover letters and resumes, local job postings, and exclusive workshops developed to assist with employment searches.

There are over **100 Michigan Works! Service Centers** and each offer a core set of services to job seekers:

- Assistance in finding employment
- Job, career, and skill self-assessment tools
- Local and statewide labor market information
- Resume writing software and support materials
- Directories of human service agencies
- Information on financial aid, occupational training, and workplace accommodation
- Access to the Michigan Talent Bank



# I am still not finding what I really want...what now?

- Try “googling” your area of interest.
- You will find MANY options to look into.
- Cross check the information- if it sounds too good to be true, it might be!
  - Call the school, program to get more information
  - Ask for the information to be sent to you in writing
  - Consult your counselor

Please remember some post secondary school options are better than others AND what is right for your friend, relative, or neighbor might not be right for you. Soooo, use your RESOURCES!

- Do your own research
- Come up with options that appeal to you
- Consult your counselor
- Visit the schools or programs you are interested in
- Talk it over with your parents or other influential adults in your life
- If cost is a factor, FIND out what other schools or programs are out there for the same degree, certificate or training. What is the difference in cost? It is your right to get this information!
- Have fun! This is an exciting time, and the more you know, the better you will feel about your decision 😊