



Preparing for Life After High School

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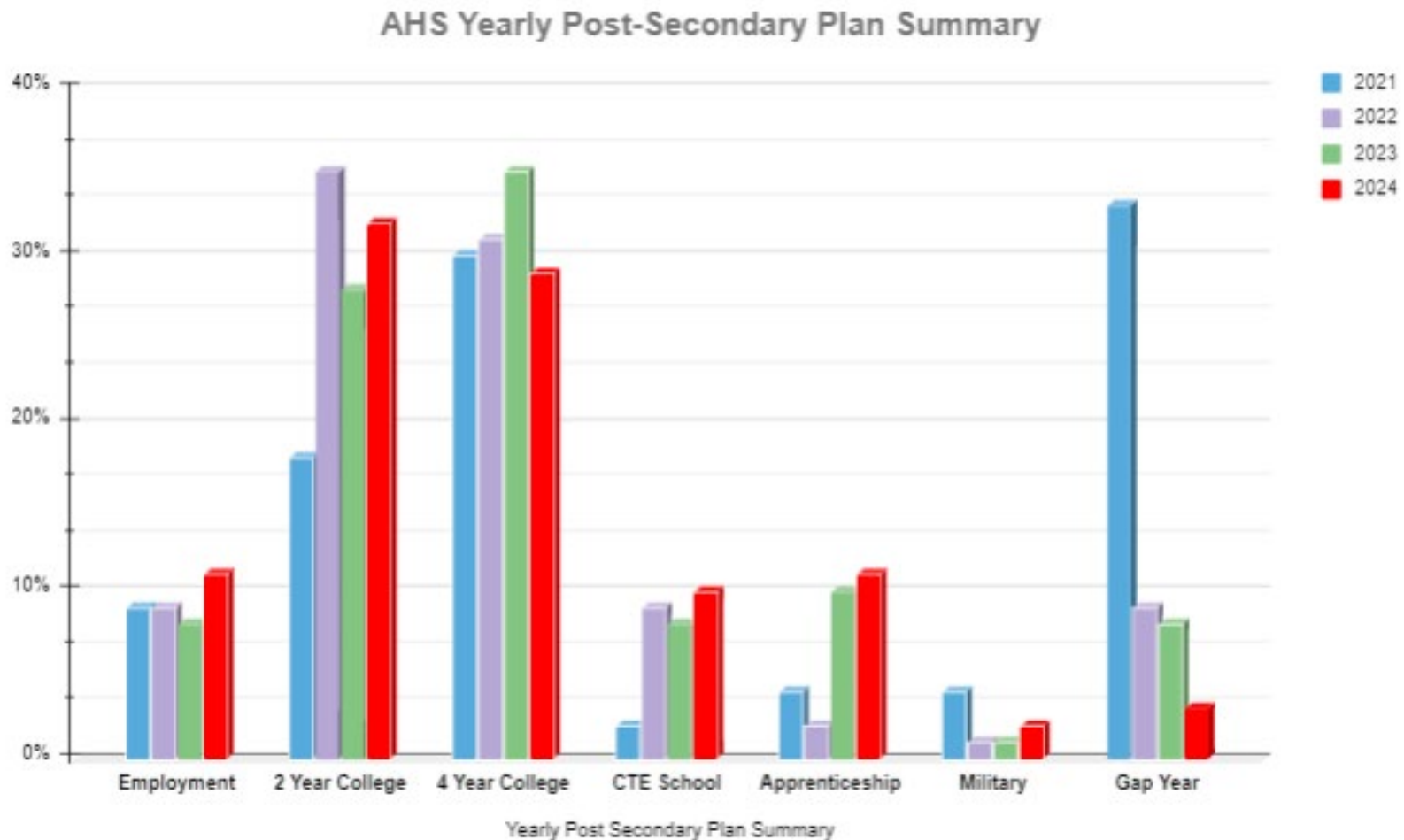
Workshop Goals

- ✓ Learn the benefits of a education after high school
- ✓ Learn how to prepare for college admission
- ✓ Learn about technical schools and apprenticeships
- ✓ Learn about options in the military
- ✓ Overview of Financial Aid & Scholarships

Why Education after High School Matters?

- ✓ To gain knowledge that will be helpful throughout students' lives
- ✓ To broaden perspectives—meet new people from diverse backgrounds, learn to be independent
- ✓ To have more job opportunities. More and more jobs require education beyond high school—many jobs rely on new technology and “brainpower”

What do AHS students do?



Why Go to College?

- ✓ Increased education is also associated with:
 - ✓ Better working conditions
 - ✓ Longer job tenure
 - ✓ More on-the-job training opportunities
 - ✓ More promotion opportunities
- ✓ A four-year college graduate (with Bachelor's degree) earns almost \$1 million more over his/her lifetime than a high school graduate
- ✓ A four-year college graduate earns about \$56,665 annually on average, compared to \$30,627 for a high school graduate



Types of Colleges

- Four-year college
- Four-year university
- Two-year college
- Vocational/Technical college or academy



Four-Year Colleges & Universities

- Award four-year **Bachelor's degrees**
- Some also award **Master's degrees or PhDs**
- Emphasis is on liberal arts education. Broad education in social sciences, humanities, sciences
- Different Admissions Requirements depending on the institution
- Most offer residential options (living on campus)
- There are both public and private four-year colleges



Two-Year Colleges



- Award **Associate degrees** or **certificates** of study
- Can prepare students for transferring to a four-year college or university
- Offers technical training in specific occupations (bookkeeping, culinary arts)
- Most have an **open admissions** policy, requiring only a high school diploma or equivalent
- Most are non-residential; students live off-campus
- Students can attend part-time or full-time
- Most public two-year colleges have very low fees

Technical Colleges

- Usually award **certificates** of study in career-specific programs
 - Auto repair
 - Computer technology
 - Medical assistance
 - Bookkeeping or accounting
- Some award Associate degrees

Note: Some community colleges offer similar certificate programs but at a lower cost



Apprenticeships: A Tech School Alternative

- Free or Low Cost Training
- Paid Hourly Wage
- Guaranteed Employment
- Benefits
- Alternative to Technical School
- Not just Construction!



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Examples:

- Encore Electric Apprenticeship
- CO Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship
- Denver Pipefitter Joint Apprenticeship
- Traffic Signal Technician Apprenticeship

College Admission Requirements

Most four-year colleges require students to fulfill four requirements to be considered for admission:

#1 Complete the sequence of college-preparatory courses

#2 Complete the college entrance tests (the SAT or ACT)

#3 Earn good grades

#4 Submit an application and personal statement or admission essay



Grades and GPAs

- **Colleges look closely at the grades that students earn**
 - The grades are converted into points (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)
 - The total points are divided by the number of courses to determine a Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - For example, a “straight-A average” = 4.0
- The minimum GPA required for admission to a four-year college or university varies widely but strive for at least a “B” average or 3.0 GPA
- A higher GPA in rigorous courses will increase your chances of admission to more selective colleges and universities

Admission Application

- **At most four-year colleges, the application consists of:**
 - ✓ Application form
 - ✓ A personal statement or essay
 - ✓ High school transcript **
 - **Some colleges also require:**
 - ✓ Letters of recommendation **
 - ✓ SAT or ACT Exams
 - ✓ An interview
 - ✓ Portfolio or Audition
 - Submit the application by the filing deadline (usually November -December)
 - Free College Application Day Colorado – October 15, 16, 17
 - Tell your School Counselor WHERE you are applying!
- **Counselor will send your Transcript and Recommendation Letters

Not Required but Recommended

Colleges and Universities look for “well-rounded” students

Participate in extracurricular activities:

- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Student government
- ✓ Music, drama, visual arts
- ✓ Community/volunteer service
- ✓ Part-time jobs
- ✓ Summer programs
- ✓ Leadership programs



Preparing Now for College

Start researching colleges

- Check out college websites & Lists of majors
- Talk to current college students about their on-campus experience
- Talk to college representatives when they visit your high school

Visit college campuses

- Take advantage of school organized college visits
- Find colleges in your area and schedule a tour
- Explore virtual college campus tours

Attend College Fairs

- Explore virtual college fairs and virtual events hosted by colleges
- Out of State College Fair – Denver South High School
 - Thursday, Sept 26th 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Factors to Consider When Choosing a College

1. **Size** - What is the total student population? How big are the typical freshman classes?
2. **Location** - How far is the college from home? Is it in a rural, urban, suburban setting? What is the area surrounding the campus like?
3. **People** - Who are the students and where do they come from?
4. **Academics** - What majors are available? Who teaches the courses? What is the academic reputation of the college?
5. **Social Opportunities** - What clubs and teams are available? Are there fraternities and sororities?
6. **Cost** - What is the total cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books? What kind of financial aid is available?

How to Pay? Financial Aid!

- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Loans
 - Grants
 - Work Study
- Scholarships
 - College Specific
 - Local
 - Scholarship Search Engines

Additional Presentations

Financial Aid Night
November 7th @ 6:00 pm

FAFSA Workshop
February – Date TBD



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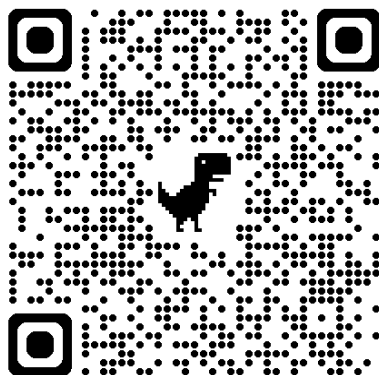
Care Forward Colorado

Revitalizing Colorado's healthcare workforce with zero-cost, short-term training programs at community and technical colleges.

Students who enroll in one of the following training programs will have their tuition, fees, course materials, and other costs covered **while funding is available**:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Medical Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Nurse Refresher
- Integrative Health Practitioner & Massage Therapy
- Sterile Processing
- Paramedic Certificate
- Echocardiography Certificate
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Office Certificate
- Practical Nursing

[List of
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Campus](#)



To enroll, you must apply for federal (FAFSA) and/or state (CASFA) financial aid..



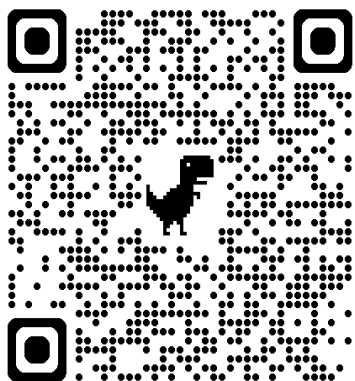
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ZERO-COST TRAINING FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS

- Construction
- Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Firefighting
- Forestry
- Law Enforcement
- Nursing

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Military



Branches

Marine Corps

Navy

Air Force

Army

Coast Guard

Entrance Requirements

- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- High School Diploma or GED
 - GED = more limited options in some branches
- ASVAB Exam
 - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
 - ELA ,Math, & Technical Sections
- Health – Physical Exam Requirements
- Fitness Standards

Up Coming Events

- Colorado Free College Application Day – October 15, 16, 17
- 1:1 Senior Meetings with School Counselor – October & November
 - Parents & Guardians Welcome to Attend!
- English 12 Classes – October College Essays & Applications
- AHS Financial Aid Night – November 7th at 6:00 pm
 - Presentation by a college financial aid representative for in-depth overview of college financial aid
- AHS FAFSA Workshop – TBD February
 - (During parent/teacher conferences)
 - Hands-on workshop to help families fill out the FAFSA or CAFSA forms

Resources

- [Link – How to Request a Teacher Letter of Recommendation on Naviance](#)
- [Link - Scholarship Search & Transcript Request](#) on Naviance
- [Link – Salle Mae's Financial Aid Tools & How To Guide](#)

