Researching Postsecondary Options



Agenda

- Review Postsecondary Options for Life After High School
- Research Careers on CaliforniaColleges.edu



Review: The 4 Year College Applicant
A-G Courses

Minimum Eligibility Applicant	Competitive Applicant
2 years of History / Social Science 4 years of English 3 years Math (*i.e Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2*) 2 years of Laboratory Science 2 years of a World Language 1 year of Visual / Performing Arts 1 year of College Prep Elective	3 years of History/Social Science (Honors/AP) 4 years of English (Honors/AP) 4 years Math (Honors/AP) 3 years of Laboratory Science (Honors/AP) 3-4 years of a Foreign Language 1 year of Visual/Performing Arts 1 year of College Prep Elective

Degrees + Education Level Reqs

Degree Type	Prerequisite	Years to complete	Granted by
Certificate	High school diploma/ equivalent, (varies)	6 months - 1 year, (varies)	Vocational School, Community College, College/University (varies)
Associate's (AA/AS)	High school diploma/ equivalent	2 years	Community college,College/University, technical school
Bachelor's (BA/BS)	High school diploma/ equivalent	4 years	College or university
Master's (MA/BS)	After earning a BA degree, may require research	2+ years	College or University
Doctorate (PhD/EDD)	After earning an MA, highest academic degree to earn	2+ years (4-6 years)	College or University

California State University
2.5 GPA Minimum to apply

- Submit one application for all CSU's; you will select the campuses that you want to apply to.
- You will report all A-G Classes and grades.
- The CSU system decides if you get 4 application fee waivers.
- Each campus application costs $70.
- Apply from October 1-November 30



University of California (UC)

3.0 GPA Minimum to apply

- Submit one application for all UC's; you will select the campuses that you want to apply to.
- You will report all A-G classes and grades.
- You will respond to 4 personal insight questions and you must elaborate on school/community activities and awards.
- The UC system determines if you get 4 application fee waivers.
- Each campus application costs $80.
- Access to application portals starts August 1, Submit between October 1- November 30.



Private Colleges

BIOLA UNIVERSITY

common app

USC

WHITTIER 1887 COLLEGE

- Most will require to apply on commonapp.org
- Application deadlines will vary
- Letters of recommendation are required
- Personal statements needed
- Minimum GPA's will vary
- Costs for applications vary as well

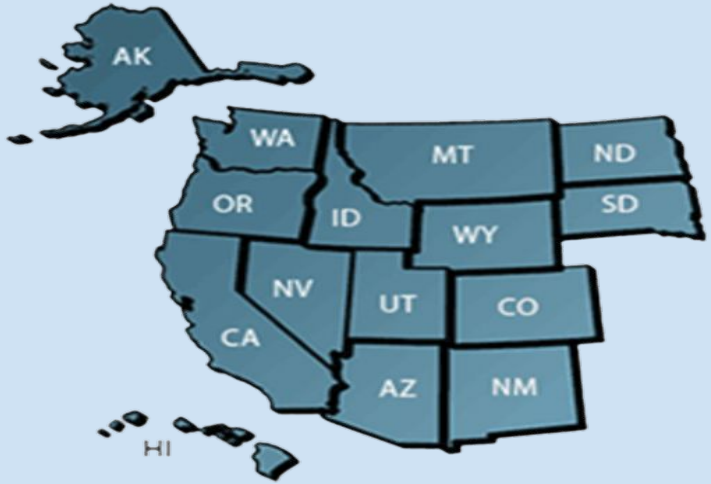
HBCU

There are 107 colleges in the United States that are identified by the US Department of Education as *Historically Black Colleges and Universities* (*HBCUs*).



WICHE

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is an agreement among the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's (WICHE) 16 members, through which 160+ participating public colleges and universities provide **steep nonresident tuition savings for Western students**. Click here for the full list of participating WUE schools!





Military Academies

United States Air force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy (WestPoint)
United States Naval Academy

Admission Criteria include:

- High school academic performance
- Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
- Athletics and extracurricular activities
- Leadership experience and community involvement
- A congressional letter of recommendation (not required by the Coast Guard Academy)



Should I take the SAT/ACT?

That depends on where you are applying....

- **University of California (UC):** Scores will **NOT** be considered for the admission process or scholarship awarding
- **California State University (CSU):** Scores will **NOT** be considered for the admission process
- **Private and out of state schools YOU MUST** check their general admission requirements as they will vary
- ***Test Scores may be used as a measure for course placement and particular programs. This will vary by college.***

SAT

Visit collegeboard.org create an account and register for a test date

ACT

Visit act.org Create an account and register for a test date

Fee Waivers

Visit the College & Career Center and talk to Ms. Hamilton to see if you qualify for a fee waiver



CERRITOS COLLEGE

FULLERTON COLLEGE

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

Community Colleges

- Start applying in the Fall (October)
- No minimum GPA requirement.
- Applications are FREE.
- Most Community Colleges have a Promise Program (i.e., Cerritos Complete - 2 Years Free)
- They also have a variety of vocational/CTE certificate programs.

Certificate Programs and Yearly Incomes



Cerritos College

- Pharmacy Technician $49,880
- Automotive Repair $52,011
- Dental Assistant $52,470
- Dental Hygienist $118,330

https://www.cerritos.edu/cte/trade-programs.htm

Fullerton College

- 3D Animation $72,520
- Biotech Lab Technician $46,250
- Computer Programmer $64,123
- Cyber Security Technician $54,628

https://cte.fullcoll.edu/

Certificate Programs and Yearly Incomes



Rio Hondo

- Welding $45,695
- Emergency Medical Tech. $41,885
- Engineering Design Drafting Technician $57,457

https://www.riohondo.edu/career-and-technical-education/

Long Beach College

- Fashion Designer $72,720
- Radio/ TV Performance $49,480
- Medical Imaging Science $58,210

https://www.lbcc.edu/career-technical-education

Job Training

Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program
https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/jobs/fire-apprentice

Job training in 81 industries, including Construction, Auto Diesel, and Plumbing.
https://losangeles.jobcorps.gov/

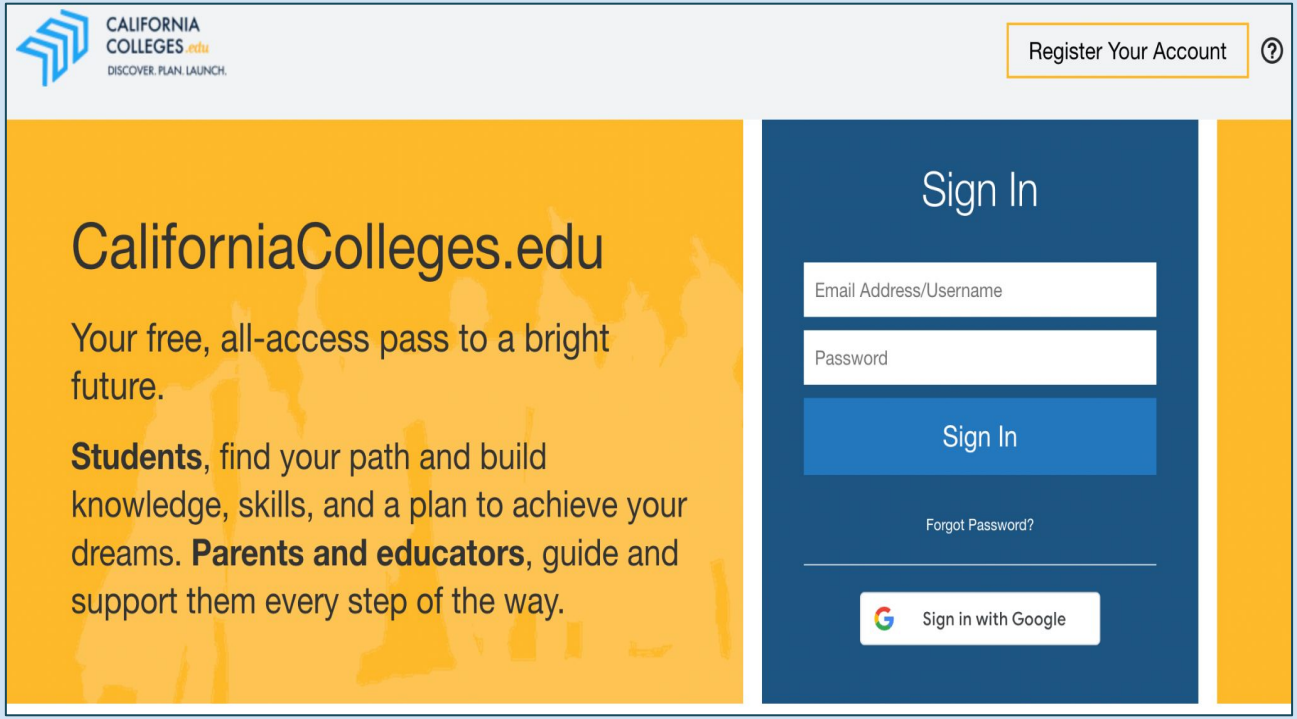
- Year long program provides young adults (18 – 25) years old a year of paid service to the State of CA.
- Provides housing
- Work with environmental projects and respond to natural and man-made disasters.

https://ccc.ca.gov/

https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty

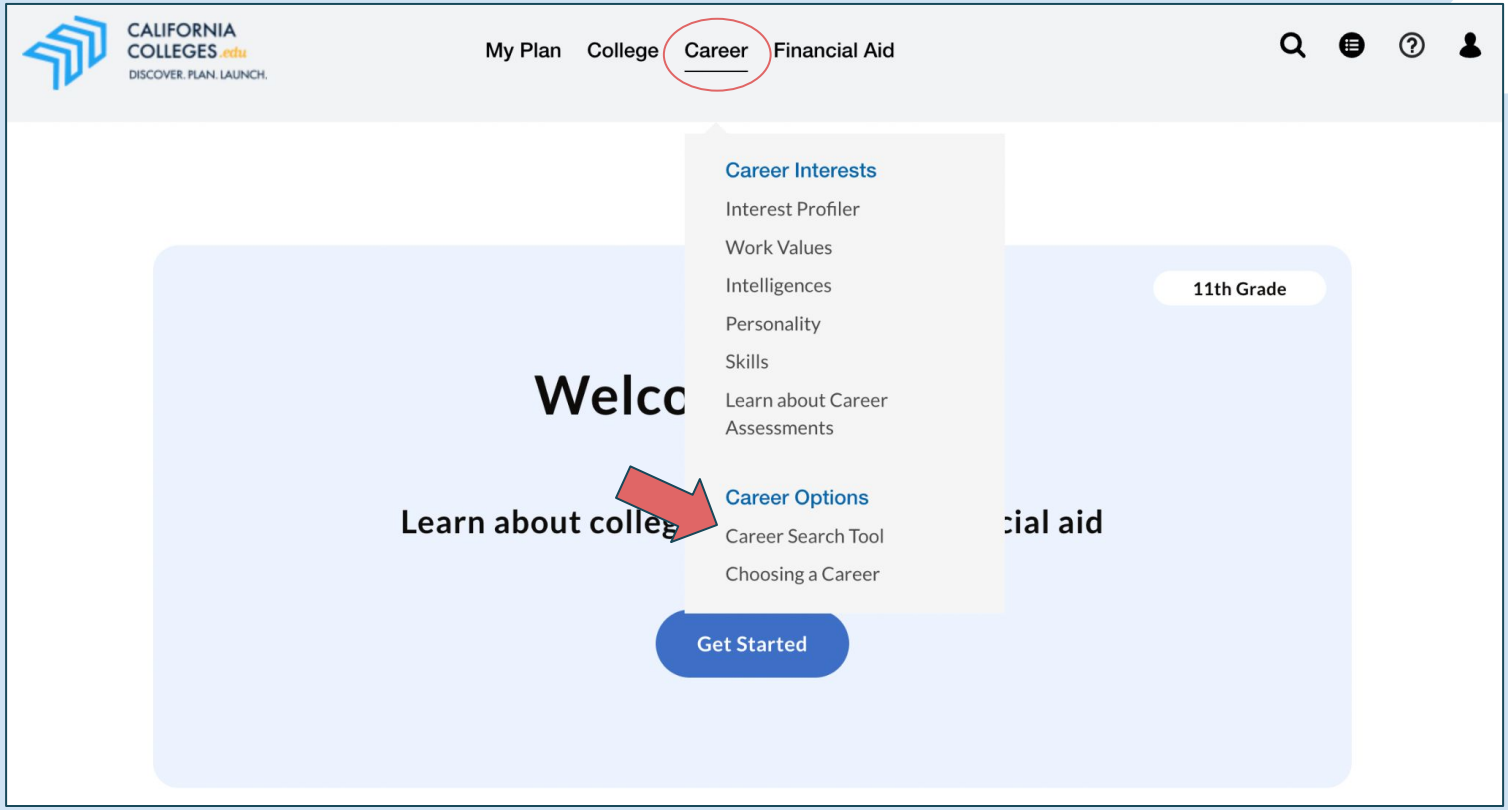
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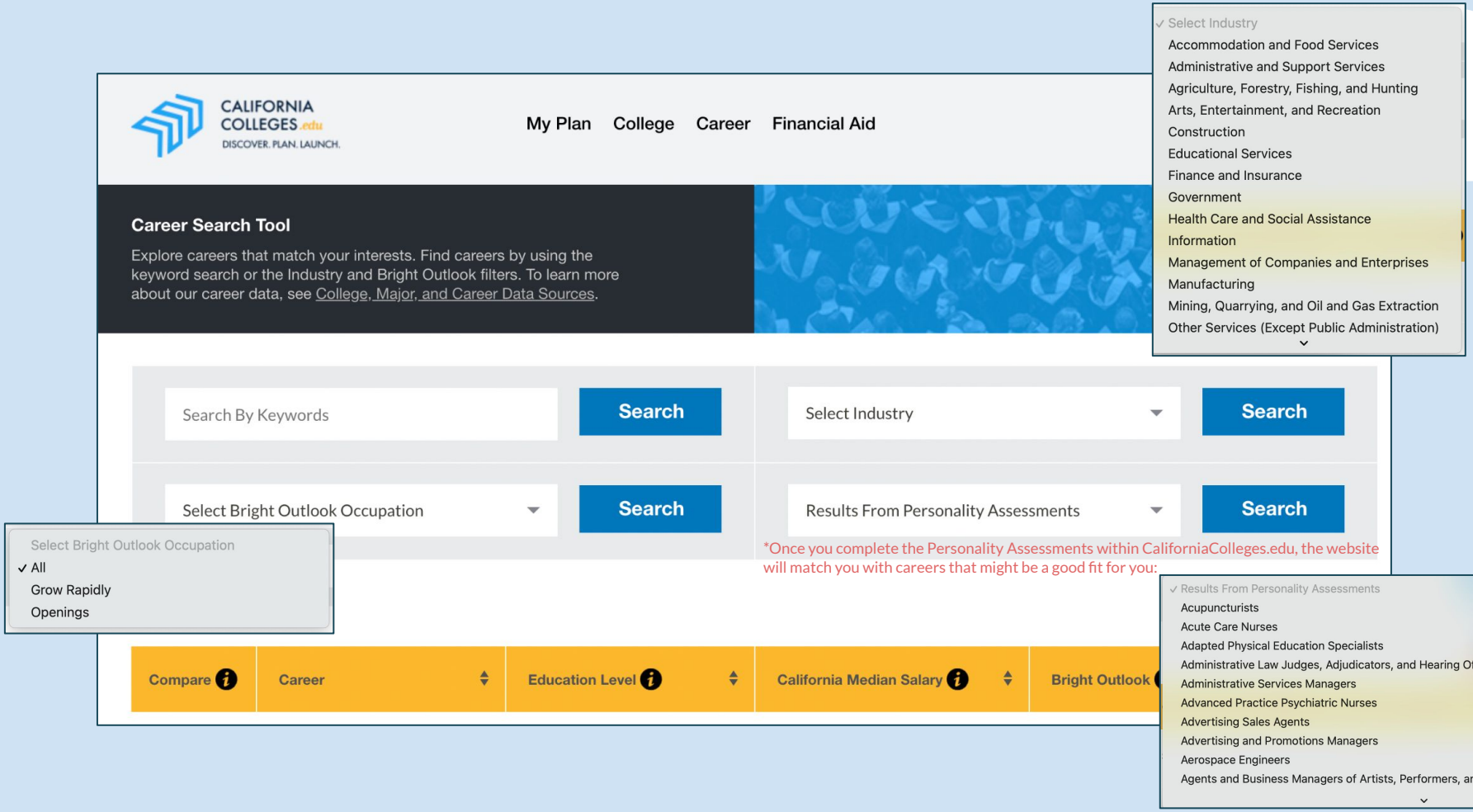


Reminder: CaliforniaColleges.edu is a **tool** you can use to:

- Discover your interests and values
- Find careers, colleges, or training to reach your goals.
- Learn how to find money to pay for college.
- Launch college and financial aid applications.
- Monitor all your progress in one place.

Researching Careers Using CaliforniaColleges.edu




CALIFORNIA COLLEGES.edu
DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.
My Plan
College
Career
Financial Aid
Career Search Tool
Explore careers that match your interests. Find careers by using the keyword search or the Industry and Bright Outlook filters. To learn more about our career data, see College, Major, and Career Data Sources.
Search By Keywords
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Select Industry
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Select Bright Outlook Occupation
Search
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Search
*Once you complete the Personality Assessments within CaliforniaColleges.edu, the website will match you with careers that might be a good fit for you:
Select Industry
Accommodation and Food Services
Administrative and Support Services
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
Construction
Educational Services
Finance and Insurance
Government
Health Care and Social Assistance
Information
Management of Companies and Enterprises
Manufacturing
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction
Other Services (Except Public Administration)
Select Bright Outlook Occupation
All
Grow Rapidly
Openings
Compare
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Education Level
California Median Salary
Bright Outlook
Results From Personality Assessments
Acupuncturists
Acute Care Nurses
Adapted Physical Education Specialists
Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers
Administrative Services Managers
Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses
Advertising Sales Agents
Advertising and Promotions Managers
Aerospace Engineers
Agents and Business Managers of Artists, Performers, and Athletes

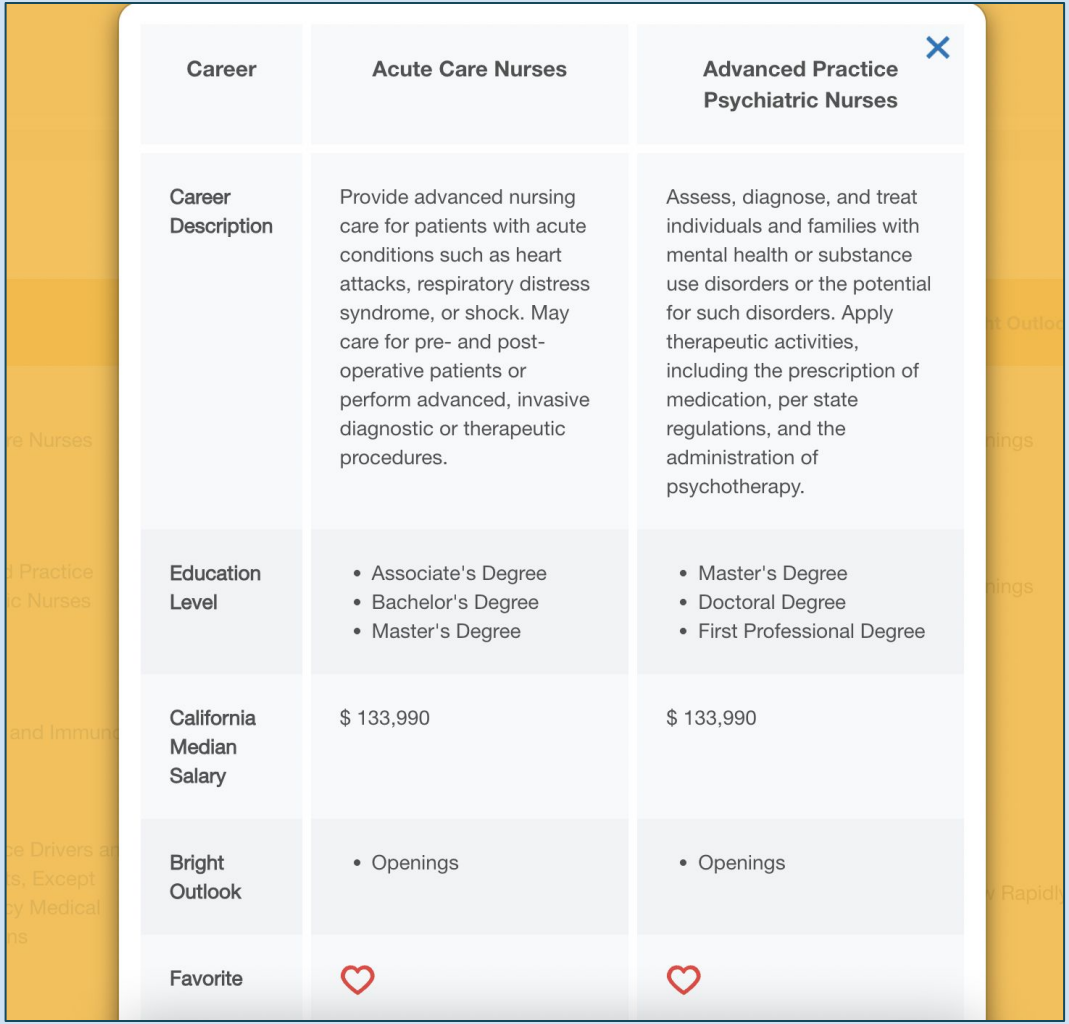
Results *173*

Compare

Compare	Career	Education Level	California Median Salary	Bright Outlook	Favorites
☐	Acute Care Nurses	Associate's Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree	$ 133,990	Openings	♡
☐	Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses	Master's Degree Doctoral Degree First Professional Degree	$ 133,990	Openings	♡
☐	Allergists and Immunologists	Post-Doctoral Training Doctoral Degree Master's Degree	$ 239,200 or more		♡
☐	Ambulance Drivers and Attendants, Except Emergency Medical Technicians	High School Diploma Some College Courses Post-Secondary Certificate	$ 35,330	Grow Rapidly	♡
☐	Anesthesiologist Assistants	Master's Degree High School Diploma Post-Secondary Certificate	$ 157,490	Grow Rapidly	♡

Compare

Students can utilize the “compare” feature to compare and contrast two careers side by side



Career	Acute Care Nurses	Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses
Career Description	Provide advanced nursing care for patients with acute conditions such as heart attacks, respiratory distress syndrome, or shock. May care for pre- and post-operative patients or perform advanced, invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.	Assess, diagnose, and treat individuals and families with mental health or substance use disorders or the potential for such disorders. Apply therapeutic activities, including the prescription of medication, per state regulations, and the administration of psychotherapy.
Education Level	• Associate's Degree • Bachelor's Degree • Master's Degree	• Master's Degree • Doctoral Degree • First Professional Degree
California Median Salary	$ 133,990	$ 133,990
Bright Outlook	• Openings	• Openings
Favorite	♡	♡

Example

< Back to Career Search Results

Dermatologists

Add to My Career List

Diagnose and treat diseases relating to the skin, hair, and nails. May perform both medical and dermatological surgery functions.

Career Summary | More Related Careers | More on Salary & Potential Growth

Here you can read through the responsibilities, work activities, academic knowledge, skills, and interests associated with this career. You can view more related careers and more information on salary and potential growth. You can also view more related majors and view colleges that offer a program or major.

Career data was last updated in September 2024.

Responsibilities

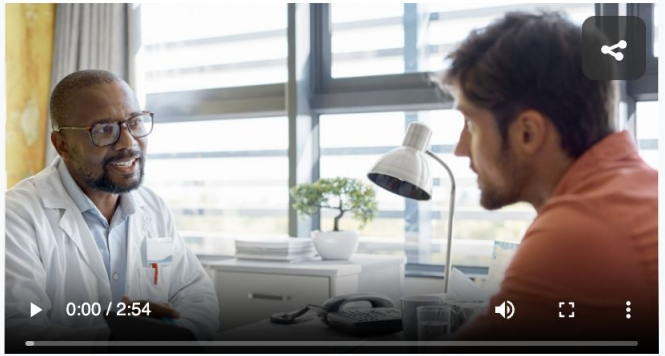
Conduct complete skin examinations.

Counsel patients on topics such as the need for annual dermatologic screenings, sun protection, skin cancer awareness, or skin and lymph node self-examinations.

Diagnose and treat pigmented lesions such as common acquired nevi, congenital nevi, dysplastic nevi, Spitz nevi, blue nevi, or melanoma.

Diagnose and treat skin conditions such as acne, dandruff, athlete's foot, moles, psoriasis, or skin cancer.

Perform incisional biopsies to diagnose melanoma.



Work Activities

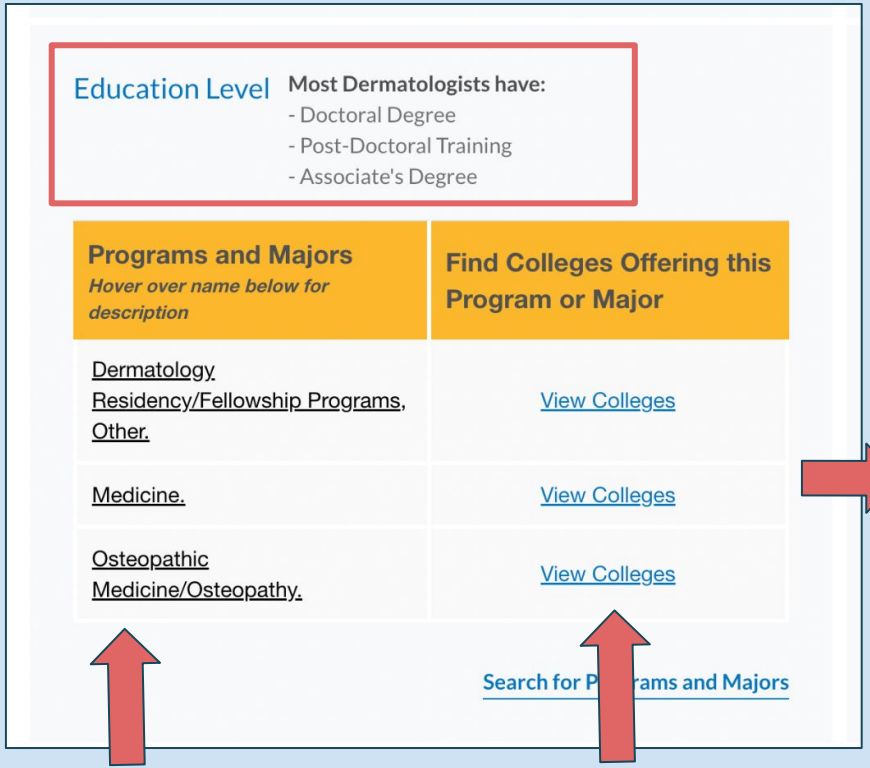
Assisting and Caring for Others

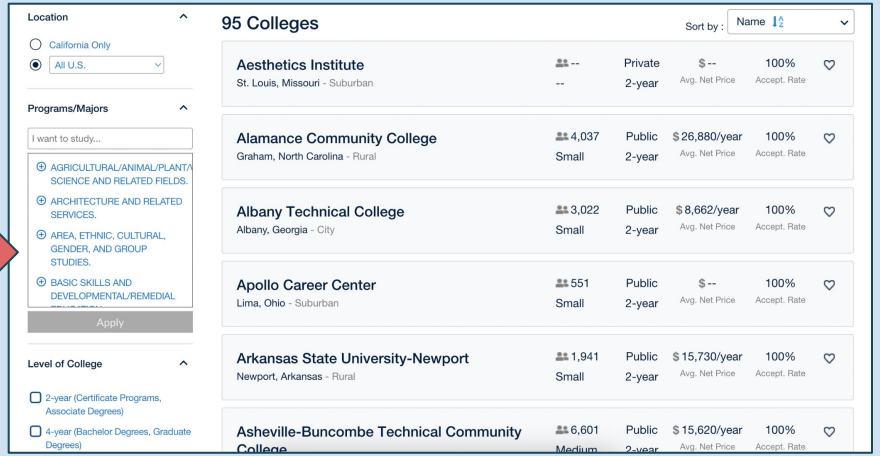
- Providing personal assistance, medical attention, emotional support, or other personal care to others such as coworkers, customers, or patients.

Documenting/Recording Information

Example (Cont.)

When you scroll down, you can learn about the Educational Level necessary for the career





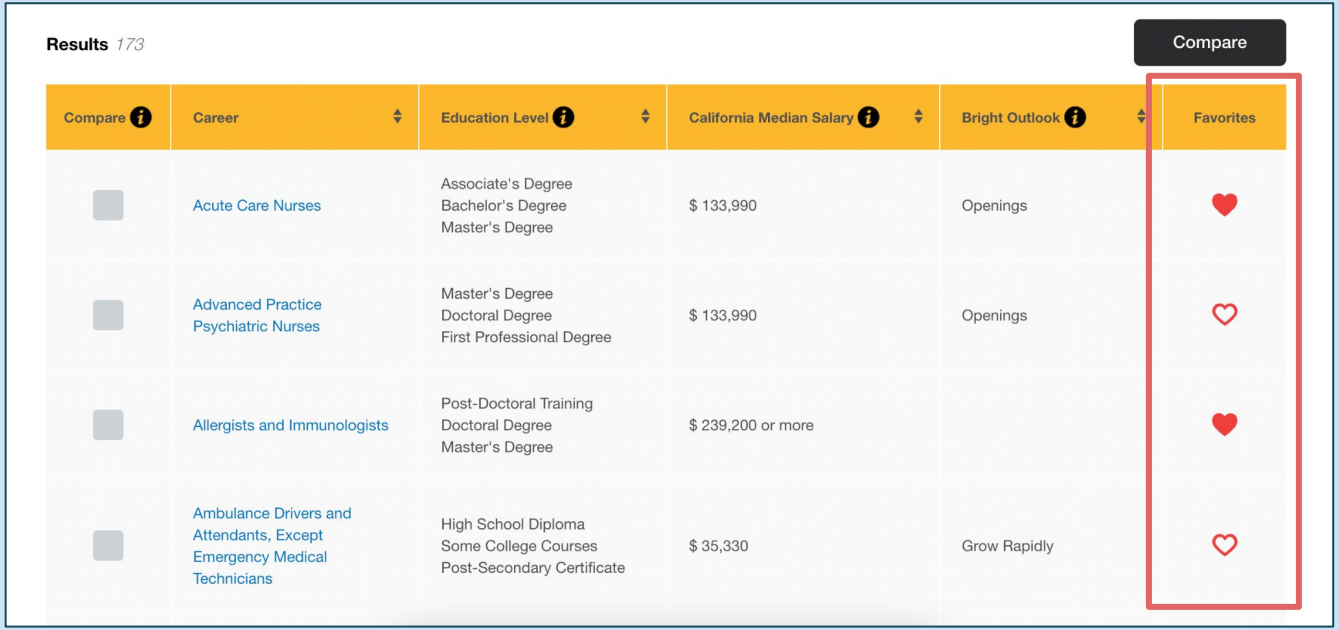
These are examples of college majors you can study to prepare for the career

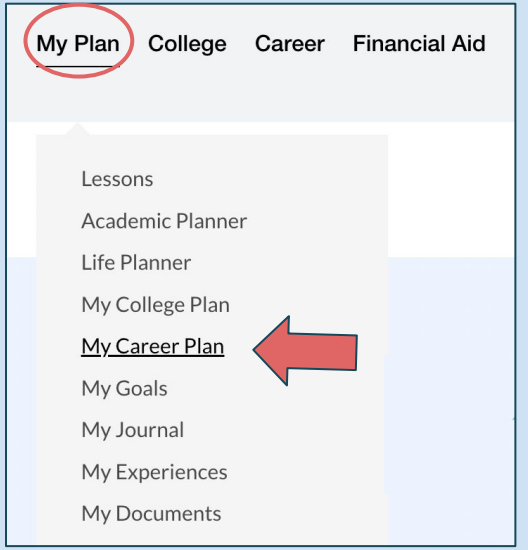
These links will take you to lists of colleges that offer the majors associated with the career

You can use these lists to learn more about the colleges that will prepare you for the career of your choice! (Location, size, public vs. private, average tuition, acceptance rate.)

Adding Careers to Your "My Careers List"

Once you research careers that are of interest to you, you can "favorite" them by selecting the Heart





To access your favorite careers, click "My Career Plan" under "My Plan" at the top of the webpage

Live Demo

Now that we've looked at a few screenshots, let's take a live look at the website!



Student Activity (Part 1)

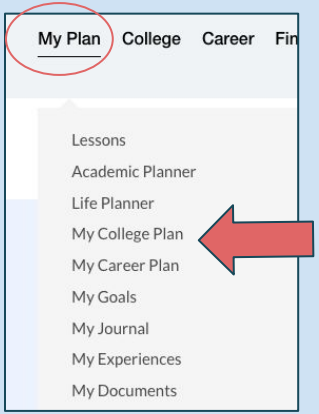
Now let's individually practice researching careers that you may be interested in!

Follow the steps below to complete today's activity:

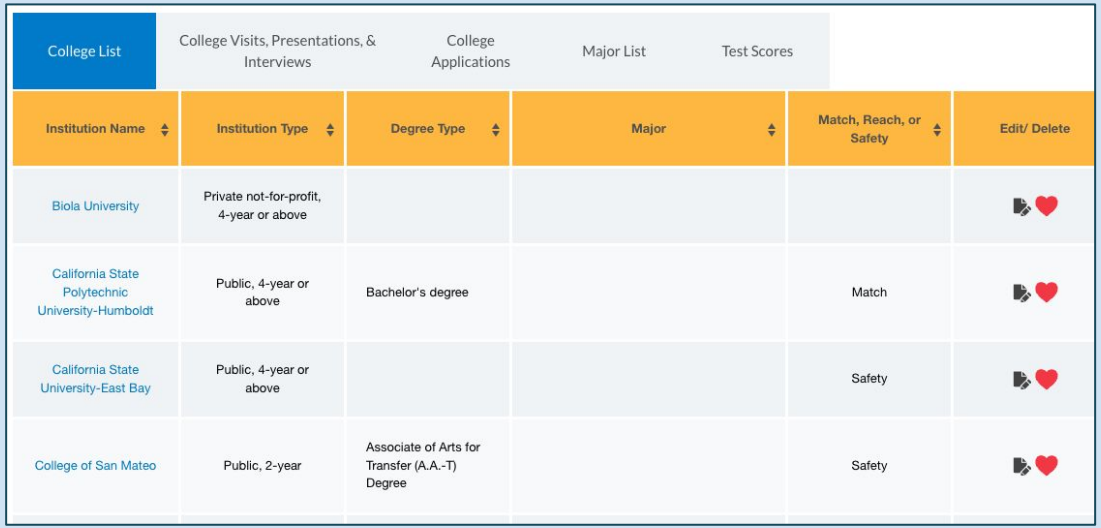
1. Go to CaliforniaColleges.edu and log in
    - Your username should be your NLMUSD student email (unless you've changed it)
    - If you're not sure about your password, try **nlmusd2026**
2. Select the "Career Search Tool" under the Careers Tab
3. Search for a career by using Key Words or by Industry
4. Research one career and "heart" it to add it to your favorites
5. Discuss the career fact sheet with a partner (describe the career and why you chose it)

Student Activity (Part 2)

1. Go to the “Education Level” of your chosen career
2. Select “View Colleges” to see the list of colleges that offer majors/programs associated to the chosen career
3. Build a College List by favoriting 3-5 colleges*

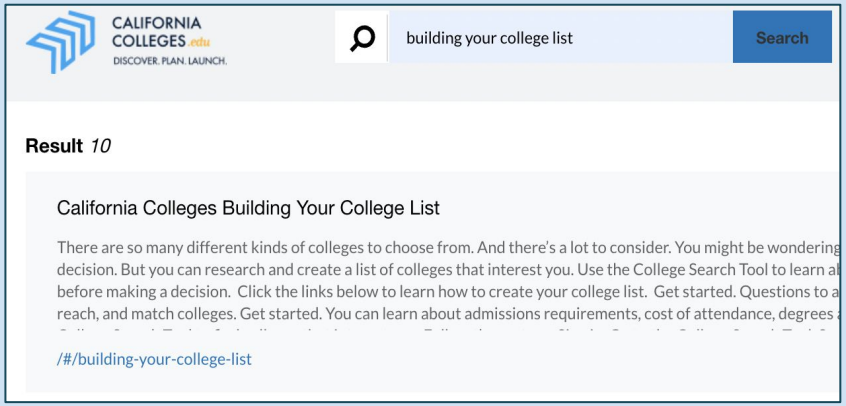


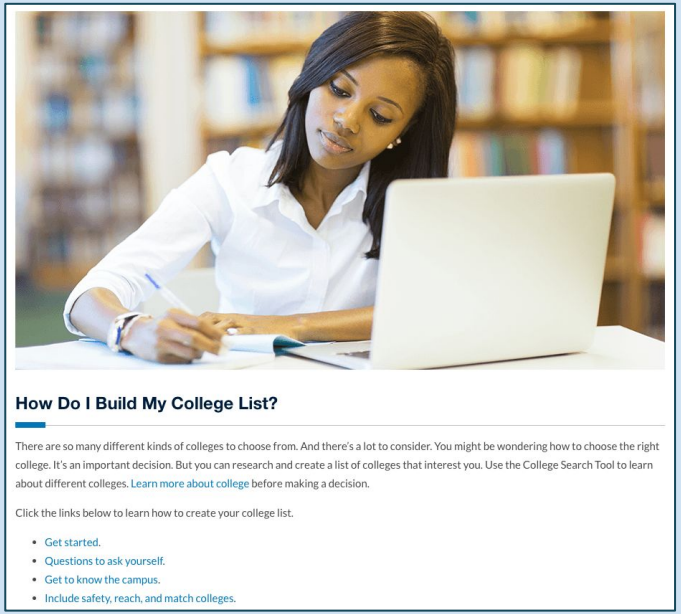
*You can access your favorited Colleges by clicking “My College Plan” under “My Plan”



Student Activity (Part 3)

- At the top of the website, type in “Building Your College List” into the search bar
    - Read the article to learn more!







We hope you learned more about your postsecondary options for life after high school and feel better equipped to utilize **CaliforniaColleges.edu** to research Careers & Colleges for your future!