

POST-HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

Admission requirements for colleges vary greatly, but general guidelines like these below can be very helpful for students when planning their program of studies.

Highly Selective Colleges

English – 4 years
Mathematics – 4 years (including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry)
Science – 3 years (including two lab courses such as biology, chemistry, physics)
Social Studies – 3 years (including a world history)
World Language – 3 years of the same language
Fine Arts – Recommended
Computer Competency
Extracurricular activities that indicate leadership and initiative
Rank in the top 5-10% of the class
Minimum SAT I scores of 1300 and at least 3 SAT II scores

Very Selective Colleges

English – 4 years
Mathematics – 3-4 years (including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry)
Science – 2-3 years (including at least one or two lab courses)
Social Studies – 3 years
World Language – 2-3 years of the same language
Fine Arts – Recommended
Computer Competency
Extracurricular activities that indicate leadership and initiative
Rank in the top 25% of the class
Minimum SAT I scores of 1100
Predominantly Honors level and higher courses

Selective Colleges

English – 4 years
Mathematics – 3 years (including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry)
Science – 2 years
Social Studies – 3 years
World Language – 2 years of the same language
Fine Arts – Recommended
Computer Competency
Extracurricular activities that indicate leadership and initiative
Rank in the top 2/3 of the class
Minimum SAT I scores of 950
Mixture of Standard and some Honors level courses

Junior/Community College

Associate degree programs are usually two years in length and are offered at community or junior colleges. Students may enroll in a program that grants an associate degree or a transfer program that allows students to continue their education at a four-year college or university. There are many opportunities for students in both traditional course offerings and in specialized technical areas. Students completing these programs are eligible for many entry-level occupations that offer growth opportunities.

Technical Education Programs

There are numerous opportunities available for students who wish to pursue technical training in order to compete in an increasingly complex vocational environment. Technical education programs prepare students for a variety of occupations requiring scientific and technical knowledge. These programs train students for entry-level positions in rapidly growing fields with excellent growth potential.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs are designed primarily to assist students in securing employment and emphasize skills required for that employment. Courses are designed for persons who do not seek a degree but wish to develop skills in a specialty area. Students may take courses at community colleges or specialty schools that offer a number of programs.

Apprenticeship Programs

An apprenticeship is a job where the worker or apprentice learns a trade. The apprenticeship usually lasts about four years and consists of on-the-job training as well as classroom instruction. Training is administered and funded by a sponsor. There are approximately 100,000 apprenticeship openings each year. Graduates are registered to receive certificates of completion from the U. S. Department of Labor or federally approved state apprentice agencies.

Military

Various branches of the military provide opportunities to learn traditional as well as high tech skills in numerous areas. Many branches provide individuals a chance to earn college credits and/or associate degrees. Special employment consideration is given for state and federal employment after completing a tour of duty.