

CAREER BRIEF

(Grades 3-5)

University



You have seen Career Sparks Encounters and learned about jobs you can have when you grow up. Now it's time to learn about how going to a university or college can help you get that dream job.

WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY?

- A university is a school you go to after you finish high school to continue learning.
- Colleges are similar to universities, but are usually smaller.

WHY DO YOU GO TO A UNIVERSITY?

- At a university, you choose what subject you want to study.
- Here are some subjects you can study at a university: computer science, biology, psychology, history, mathematics, engineering, English, business, nursing (This only shows just a few. There are many more to choose from).
- After taking 4-5 years of classes in the subject you want to study, you become an expert and earn a degree in that subject. This is called a Bachelor's Degree.
- You can continue your education at a university after your Bachelor's Degree. You would attend a Graduate Program at a university.

Fun Fact: "University" is a shortening of the Latin *universitas magistrorum et scholarium* or "a community of masters and scholars."

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: DEGREES YOU CAN EARN AT A UNIVERSITY

- Bachelor's Degree: After about 4 years of studying a subject at the university level, you receive a Bachelor's Degree.
- Master's Degree: After earning your Bachelor's Degree, you can attend 2 more years of school in the subject of your choice. After you complete the 2 or more years of school, you earn a Master's Degree.
- Doctoral Degree: To earn a doctoral degree, you attend another 4-6 years of schooling at the university level to specialize in a subject. After your 4-6 years of schooling, you earn a Doctorate.

SKILLS

- You must be responsible and complete your schoolwork and study hard.
- You must be flexible and adjust to your new university, which is bigger than your high school.
- You must set goals for yourself and work to achieve them.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." – Pele