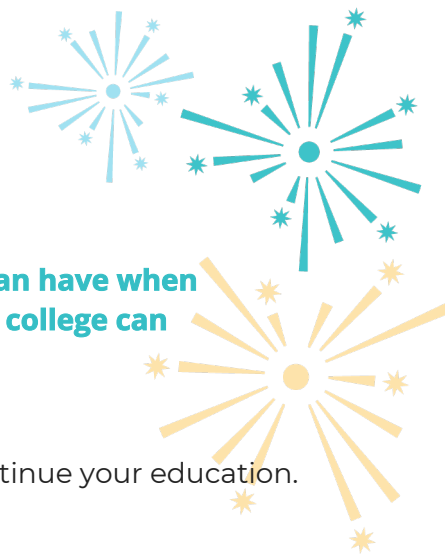


CAREER BRIEF

(Grades 6-8)

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 your education.
- Colleges are similar to universities, but are usually smaller.

WHY DO YOU GO TO A UNIVERSITY?

- You attend a university to continue your education after high school.
- Many well-paying jobs require you to graduate from a university or college.
- At a university, you choose what particular subject you want to study.
- After you choose what you want to study, you take classes in that subject area.
- The area you choose to study is called your major.
- Examples of majors you can choose to study at a university include: computer science, biology, psychology, history, mathematics, engineering, English, business, nursing (This only shows just a few. There are many more majors 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 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 typically attend 2 more years of school in the subject of your choice. After you complete the 2 or more years, 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

- Responsibility: must be able to manage your school work, attend classes on time and fulfill school responsibilities on your own.
- Adaptability: must be able to adapt and be flexible as you adjust to a new program and a bigger school campus.
- Self-Motivated: must keep yourself motivated to complete your school work.
- Goal Setting: must be able to set a goal for yourself and work hard to accomplish that goal.

"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