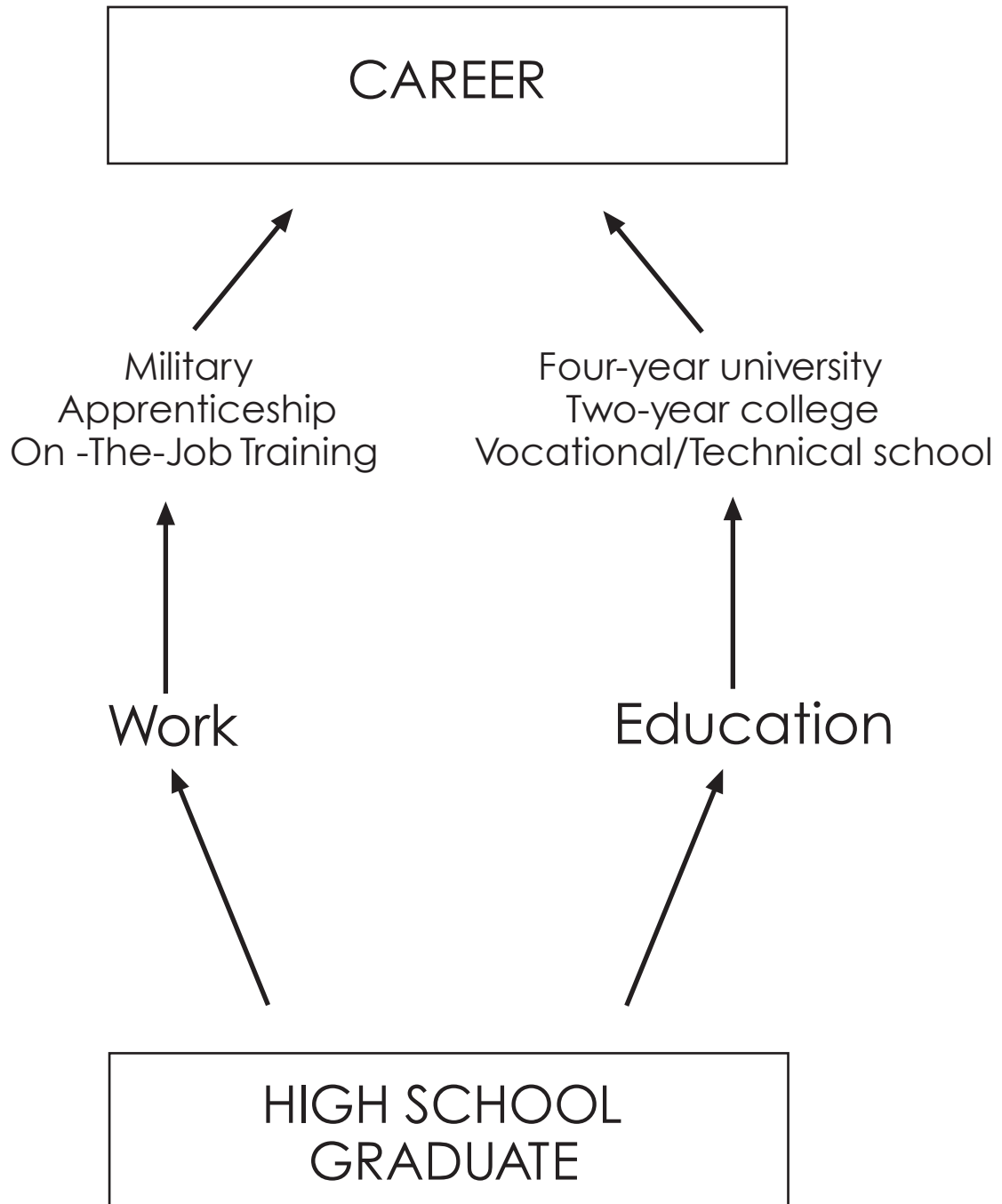


Training & Educational Options After High School



Bridges from High School

Most jobs today require training or education after high school. Over half of the students who graduate from high school go on to training or college programs.

Many high school graduates learn job skills in apprenticeship programs, technical schools, the military, community colleges and other programs. Some people work for several years after finishing high school, then go back to school for more job training.

Technology is changing the skills that are needed for many jobs. Most people who are employed will need to learn new skills to keep their jobs. They will need to take additional training or go to college as adults.

There are many training and education options available to you. Once you learn about each of these, you can choose the one that is best for you. Study the following options and mark the one in which you are most interested.

- On-the-job training: Learn a job while you work. Some examples are construction worker, plumber, cabinet maker, salesperson, waiter, cook.



- Apprenticeship Program: Learn a job through a combination of classroom and on-the-job training. Some examples are chef, electrician, carpenter, painter, printer.

- Vocational / Technical Training: Learn job skills in an educational setting with practical experience. Some examples are auto mechanic, preschool teacher, secretary, travel agent, nurse's assistant, dental assistant.

- Military: Get training and work experience in the armed forces. Training is provided in a variety of fields, including engineering, computer technology, security, food service, office work.

- Community College: Take one class or several classes; earn a certificate or Associates Degree in the career of your choice. Careers include registered nurse, preschool teacher, accountant, welder, mechanic.

- College or University: Earn a bachelor's degree for a profession, such as teacher, engineer, airplane pilot, journalist, social worker, business manager. Most people are working towards a degree. However, many colleges or Universities offer shorter certification programs through "extended education."

Options Map

As you read Bridges from High School, write any ideas you find about college, training or work, in the boxes.

