

Next Steps to Vocational Training

Length of program:

From a few days to two years depending on the type of program. Some programs offer certificates, others offer career diplomas or licenses.

Examples of programs:

Cabinetmaker	Physical Therapy Assistant
Chef	Retail Salesperson
Clerk/Typist	Teacher Aide
Dog Obedience Trainer	Mechanic
Locksmith	Video Game Designer
Medical Assistant	Welder
Optician	

Acceptance requirements:

Most require a high school diploma or a GED

Admission:

Application, basic skills test for technical fields such as medical assistant.

Learning Format:

Classroom using lecture and textbook, and hands-on training in the classroom online or on a job site.

Placement after training:

Many vocational training programs offer placement services for students who complete the program.

Support services:

Vocational training programs usually do not have specific services for students with disabilities.



Next Steps to College

Length of Program:

AA Degree - 2 years, BA/BS Degree - 4 years
MA/MS Degree - 5 years or longer

Examples of Programs:

Accountant	Engineer
Airline Pilot	Park Ranger
Chiropractor	Probation Officer
Computer Programmer	Teacher
Counselor	Veterinarian

College Acceptance Requirements:

To be accepted by most colleges, you will need a high school diploma, a grade point average above 2.5, class rank above 50%, SAT/ACT and specific high school classes.

Admission:

Complete a college application, send letters of recommendation (from teachers, employers) and write an essay about yourself and your goals.

Learning Format:

Classroom lecture, classroom activities, laboratory and computer activities, and written tests.

Placement After Training:

The college placement office will hold your file and supply information about job openings.

Support Services:

Almost all colleges have services and a resource center for students with physical or learning disabilities. To qualify you must identify yourself as having a disability.



Debate Guide

Team Members:

Your Debate Topic:

List four reasons your topic is the best choice for students:

List four reasons to show the other topic is a bad choice:

How will you argue that your topic is a better choice than the other topic?

Give personal examples showing why your topic is the best choice:

How can you defend your topic?

What is your final argument about this topic?
