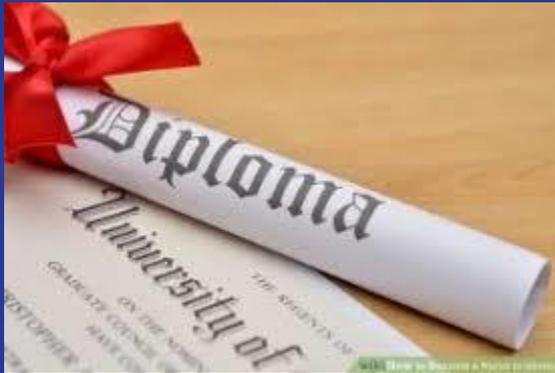


Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees



Oh MY!

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How do I get started?

Do a Career Interest Inventory and Values Inventory.

Talk to your counselors in the 8th grade about courses that will be offered in high school, and each year thereafter!

Attend Career Fairs in your district

In the 8th and 9th grade lookup college information such as:

Courses that would help transition into college/career.

Colleges that offer the Program of Study.

Where are the colleges located and the cost!



Preparing For A Career Starts In Middle School

Selecting courses that you are interested in and will meet your graduation requirement. Taking high school credits in middle school will help you to graduate on time and possibly start on your college career early.

Doing Internships to gain temporary work experience related to the field you plan to pursue as a career path.

Job Co-op-(Cooperative Education) integrating classroom knowledge with work experience

OJT/Job Shadowing this is typically part of a class that allows you to use the skills you learned in class to follow a professional and learn more about hands on skills with equipment used in the industry.

Find a Mentor, do research to find out more about this career path.

Go to www.FloridaShines.org and look up the projection and growth of the career path.

Join Organizations such as FBLA, FFA, HOSA, etc. to learn more about the career cluster and what it has to offer. Compete and volunteer with competitors in the Career Organizations.

Do Career Interest Inventories, you can find one at www.floridashines.org under the title of Find a Career > Plan Your Future.



Going to College

Do your research about the college you want to go to.
Not all colleges offer the same courses/Degree options.

Visit the college, take a tour of the campus. Talk to students and teachers that are in the program you want to study.

Contact the College's Alumni Association they can offer advice and share experiences that may help you in college.

Find out the cost

Take ACT, SAT or P.E.R.T. test

What activities do they offer and do you feel comfortable there?

Ask about finances, housing, and off campus resources.



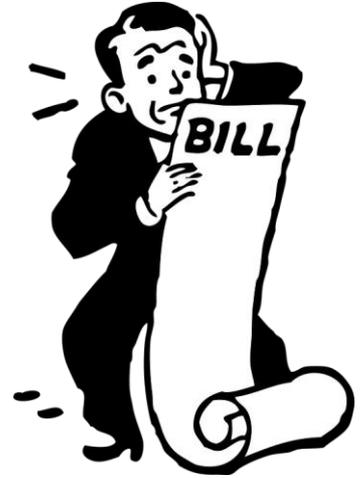
Paying For College

Apply for Scholarships

FastWeb.com

Local Scholarships

International Scholarships



Do you qualify for Bright Futures? Check it out at www.floridashines.com >Pay for College>Bright Future Eligibility> Log in.

Florida Prepaid

Save your money!

Differences in Colleges

Technical Education - Earn a certificate to allow you to work in a specialized field.

Community College/State College - offers Certificate programs, AA, AS, and sometimes BS degrees.

University - Offers Bachelors, Masters, Doctoral degrees.

Public Post-Secondary programs vary in cost

You will need to check the school of your choice about scholarships, tuition, and other cost involved.

Private Post-Secondary programs are sometimes three times the cost of public post-secondary programs, but offer scholarships and other cost deferred incentives.





Understanding Vocational Certificates/ Diplomas

Certificates/Diplomas

Diplomas or Certificates are documentation that shows one has completed a program of study that will lead directly into a career path.

For completion of the program the student must show mastery of specific job related performance requirements.

These course are not college credit programs but will satisfy the vocational certificate/diploma.

Understanding College Credit Certificates/ Diplomas

College Credit Certificate

C.C.C.

College Credit Certificates programs are designed to prepare a student of immediate entry into a career in the workforce.

The programs are usually one year and can articulate or lead toward a A.S. Degree

Understanding Degrees

Associate of Science Degree

A.S. Degree

Also known as a Career/Workforce degree.

The Associate in Science Degree allows you to learn specific information you will need to work in the area of interest.

Some choose to do this rather than earn a 4 yr degree, as a Bachelor's degree may not be required for that specific career path.

The A. S. Degree can lead to a Bachelor's Degree at most state colleges/universities.

Sometimes the cost of education vs the need to earn money will lead one to the A.S. Degree

Understanding Degrees

Associate of Applied Arts
Degree

A.A.S. Degree

The A.A.S. degree curriculum is geared towards mainly your major with the exception of only a few classes in the liberal arts such as English, Math, History and Social Science....somewhat the complete opposite of the AS degree.

This is where the important part comes in...the A.S. DEGREE (ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE) can be transferred to a college or university while a A.A.S. (Associate in Applied Science) cannot! The A.A.S. stands alone and is known as a vocational degree. So, having said that, a student with an AS degree can receive a Bachelors degree in two years while a student that has obtained an A.A.S. degree will take FOUR years to obtain a Bachelor's degree.

Understanding Degrees

Associate of Arts Degree

A.A. Degree

Also known as a University Transfer degree.

The Associate in Arts Degree will meet the requirements of general education necessary for articulation within the Florida State University

The A. A. Degree is the first two years toward the Bachelor's 4 year degree.

Taking these courses at a state college may save you money and time.

Understanding Degrees

Bachelor of Science Degree

B.S. Degree

A Bachelor of Science degree offers students a more specialized education in their major. Students are required to focus on studying their major at a more in-depth level.

Students have fewer chances to take classes outside of their major. A B.S. degree is generally offered in technical and scientific topics like engineering, technology, mathematics, computer science, nursing, and biochemistry.

Understanding Degrees

Bachelor of Arts Degree

B.A. Degree

A Bachelor of Arts degree offers students a broader education in their major. Students are required to take a variety of liberal art subjects such as humanities, literature, history, social sciences, communications, and a foreign language.

Students can select from a diverse list of courses that fulfill each liberal arts requirement. This allows students to actively mold their education to their interests. A B.A. degree provides a more diverse education in a particular major, therefore, a BA degree generally requires less credits than a BS degree.

Understanding Degrees

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree

B.F.A. Degree

BFA has more course work geared towards the arts rather than the academics. More classes are studio-oriented like is acting, dancing, music rather than more of the traditional studies for a general education degree as the BS.

The BFA will be more of a practical approach to learning giving the student more background in history, production management and training in the area they are studying.



QUESTION!



To learn more about what you need to do to earn the required education for your planned career path to go

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