



POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

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ON THE JOB TRAININGS

On-the-Job Training

You can acquire some skills in high school that will allow you to go directly to work. Getting a job right after high school is an option, but consider that 85 percent of all new jobs will require education beyond high school.

Apprenticeship

You can learn a skilled trade by combining classroom training at career and technical centers with paid on-the-job training. Most apprenticeships take two to five years to complete, depending on the trade.

Military

There are five branches in the military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Serving in the military can provide many educational opportunities. There are over 2,000 job specialties for enlisted personnel and over 1,500 jobs for officers. Some of the opportunities include mechanics, electronics, and business. Many people learn skills and receive training that they can immediately translate into careers in the civilian workforce.

CERTIFICATE & DEGREE PROGRAMS

Career and Technical Centers

You can begin to learn some job skills while still in high school and continue training at a career and technical center. Programs vary in length and classes may be offered during the day and at night. Many courses are linked to apprenticeship programs. In many areas, students are awarded certificates in a field of expertise or are prepared for necessary licensure.

Community/State College

Community/State colleges have a wide variety of classes and programs. These programs can be completed in two years or less. Some high schools allow you to take dual enrollment classes and get college credit at the same time. Some students have earned an Associate's Degree even before they graduate from high school. After completing these programs, you can go directly to work or continue their education at a university.

University

Most universities offer four-year (Bachelor's Degree) programs of study and in addition advanced degrees such as a Master's Degree or a Doctoral Degree. Most professional careers require at least a four-year college degree.

FIRST ENERGY POWER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE

Established by FirstEnergy in 2000, the Power Systems Institute (PSI) is a unique, two-year program that combines classroom learning with hands-on training. Students who successfully complete the program earn an Associate Degree in Electric Utility Technology, which can lead to a career as a lineworker or substation electrician in the electric utility industry. Tuition, required books and lab fees paid by FirstEnergy for qualified students.

CIVIL SERVICE TEST

A civil service job is any job position in which the government provides. There are different kinds of civil service jobs: federal, state and local. Within those jobs there are specific job titles. To get a civil service job you may be required to take and pass an appropriate civil service examination in order to qualify as a candidate for employment. These exams are the first step in the process, and are specific to a job or a class of jobs.