

Where am I going? Choices to consider...

Two-Year Community Colleges and Technical Schools

- A four-year college education is not for everyone. There is nothing wrong with not attending one! In fact, students can often best prepare for many of today's high-growth career fields by attending a community college or a technical school. Did you know that over 75% of today's careers require additional training or education beyond high school?
- All students should take as many academic courses in high school as possible. Students attending a community college or technical school, will not be required to complete all of the recommended college preparatory courses in high school but may benefit in taking additional courses beyond what is required for graduation.
- Students who prefer to study courses that directly relate to their career goals, and/or students who enjoy a more hands-on approach to education, should consider a community college or technical school as a post-secondary option.
- Students may also begin their education in a two-year or technical college and later transfer to a four-year college to complete their bachelor's degree, provided they take courses that will transfer.
- Another option to consider is an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship involves on-the-job training with an experienced individual. This option can begin at the community college or technical school level.

Military

- The military can provide training, education, financial support, or even a career. There are different options to choose from that qualify as “military involvement.” The most known of these options is joining a branch of the military—Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines. The easiest way to go about this is to get in contact with one of the military recruiters that visit NRHS on a monthly basis. Talking with a recruiter does not obligate you in any way to join the military. Recruiters can give you up-to-date information and advice on military involvement.
- Attending a military academy is another option of military involvement. Military academies are similar to attending a prestigious university, with the requirement of military service upon completion. Academies have very competitive acceptance policies that require extensive preparation. You must obtain an official nomination from your U.S. Senator or Representative. You should submit your request for nomination during the spring of your junior year in high school. If you obtain a nomination, you would then be required to provide academic and behavioral information from your high school, complete college entrance tests, and complete a medical examination and a physical fitness examination. All of these factors are evaluated in the competition for cadet appointments.
- ROTC/UW Help Link:
<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/resources/rotc-and-military/>

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