A Brief Guide to Post-Secondary Options



Knowing the type of degree you want, the time you want to spend in school or the occupation you want to purse will direct you toward the appropriate type of training.

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Level of Education (Degree)	Time Generally Takes to Achieve	Example Occupation	School Type
On-the-job training	From one day to a few months	Cashier	N/A
Certification School	6 months to a year	Firefighter	Community College or Technical School (Does Not Require THEA)
Associate's degree	One to two years	Paralegal	Community College or Technical School (Does Require THEA)
Bachelor's degree	Four to five years	Editor	Four-year College or University (Requires SAT or ACT)
Master's degree	Two to three years after a Bachelor's degree	Counselor	College or University with a Graduate Program (Requires SAT or ACT)
Military	Depends on type of training, may be two to six years	Offers training in two hundred occupations	Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard