

Career

If you are considering going straight into the workforce or into a technical training program following graduation, you still need to complete your high school education and earn a high school diploma.

While in high school, you will want to:

- Look** at the five endorsements offered under the Foundation High School Program.
- Determine** your area of interest.
- Complete** your selected endorsement along with the required foundation program to earn your high school diploma.
- Learn** about available jobs, and any required post-high school or technical training.
- Explore** new career opportunities.
- Research** wage and occupation information, required levels of education and training requirements.
- Discover** your interests and abilities; use labor market resources at www.texasrealitycheck.com/ and at www.texasworkforce.org/customers/jsemp/career-exploration-trends.html.
- Research** which jobs are among the fastest and most in-demand in Texas at www.texascaresonline.com/hotshots/hotshotslists.asp.

Community College & Career Schools

- Find** training and certifications for specific occupations or skills through community colleges or career schools and colleges at www.texasworkforce.org/svcs/propschools/career-schools-colleges.html.

Did you know... training

many of the high-demand jobs¹ will require some postsecondary education?

tuition

students attending community colleges or trade schools may also be eligible for state or federal financial aid?²

credential

that Texas public school students can earn a Performance Acknowledgement with their diploma by earning a nationally- or internationally-recognized credential for a specific professional occupation, such as certified nurses' aid certification (CAN) or computer tech certification (CTC) while in high school?

earnings

over their lifetime, high school graduates with a workforce certificate from a community or technical college earn 20 percent more³ than those with only a high school diploma?

¹ Texas Workforce Commission

² Get the facts at www.collegeforalltexans.com or studentaid.ed.gov

³ Center on Education and the Workforce, "Certificates: Gateway to Gainful Employment and College Degrees," June 2012. Georgetown University