

# Post High School Options...

There are many different options available to students after high school. These opportunities can include:

## **TWO-YEAR COLLEGES**

2-year colleges can be private or public schools. The most common types of 2-year colleges are community colleges. Typically a 2-year college is less expensive than a 4-year college. Two-year diplomas, certificates and associate degrees are offered through these schools. Many students choose to begin at a 2-year college and then transfer to a 4-year university to pursue an advanced degree.

## **FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES**

4-year colleges include both private and public schools. These types of schools offer bachelor's degrees, which are usually completed in four years of full-time study. Some 4-year colleges also have graduate schools that offer master's and doctoral degrees.

## **TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

Most technical colleges offer certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees in practical subjects, such as information technology, applied sciences, cosmetology, welding, agriculture, mechatronics, landscaping, and secretarial skills. Your typical length at a technical college will depend on your program choice and if you choose to be a full-time student. Most students attend technical colleges for two years. The programs and degrees offered at a technical college are very specific and great options for those students who have specific skill interests. There is currently a large demand for skilled labor in the job market.

<https://careerschoolnow.org/colleges/cities/hickory-nc>

<https://www.cvcc.edu>

## **GAP YEAR**

Gap years are intended to broaden one's worldview while deepening one's faith. These programs are increasing in popularity. When considering a gap year, one should require the experience to advance or enrich the student personally and professionally. Students can choose from an array of opportunities, including things like – learning a trade, volunteer work, biblical studies, mission-focused studies, travel, internships and sports. Gap year opportunities should assist in improving students' knowledge, maturity, decision-making, leadership, independence and self-sufficiency. There are many Gap Year programs available... here are two examples.

<https://www.worldrace.org/gapyear/> - WORLD RACE

<https://www.impact360institute.org/fellows/> - IMPACT 360

<https://www.onlifepath.org> – ONE LIFE

## **MILITARY**

The military option is a rewarding experience that requires willpower, discipline and sacrifice. This option can lead to a college degree and a successful career in just about any field imaginable. Once you have decided the military is something you may want to pursue, you must meet all the requirements at the Military Entrance Processing Station.

<https://www.military.com>

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Students may choose to go directly into the work force after high school graduation. If you know you would like to pursue a career that requires no further education or have been offered a job within a company that will provide you the training you need, this may be an option for you.