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| MyFutureVT: Your Guide to Success After High School

VSAC College and Career Pathways 2025

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Feeling Overwhelmed?



Workshop Goals

- Discuss key factors to future planning
- Learn how MyFutureVT & Vermont Employment Pathfinder might work for your search
- Walk away with some next steps for exploration and planning



Question Time

Where are you with your planning?

- I'm just beginning
- I have an idea of career I'm interested in
- I have some options for my education plans
- I've got it all figured out



Define Your Own Success

- There's no "right way" to approach your life
- There's no "right way" to approach your education and career
- You have options.

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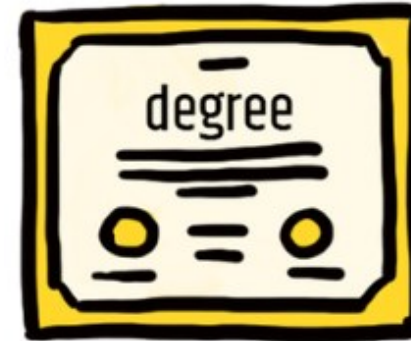
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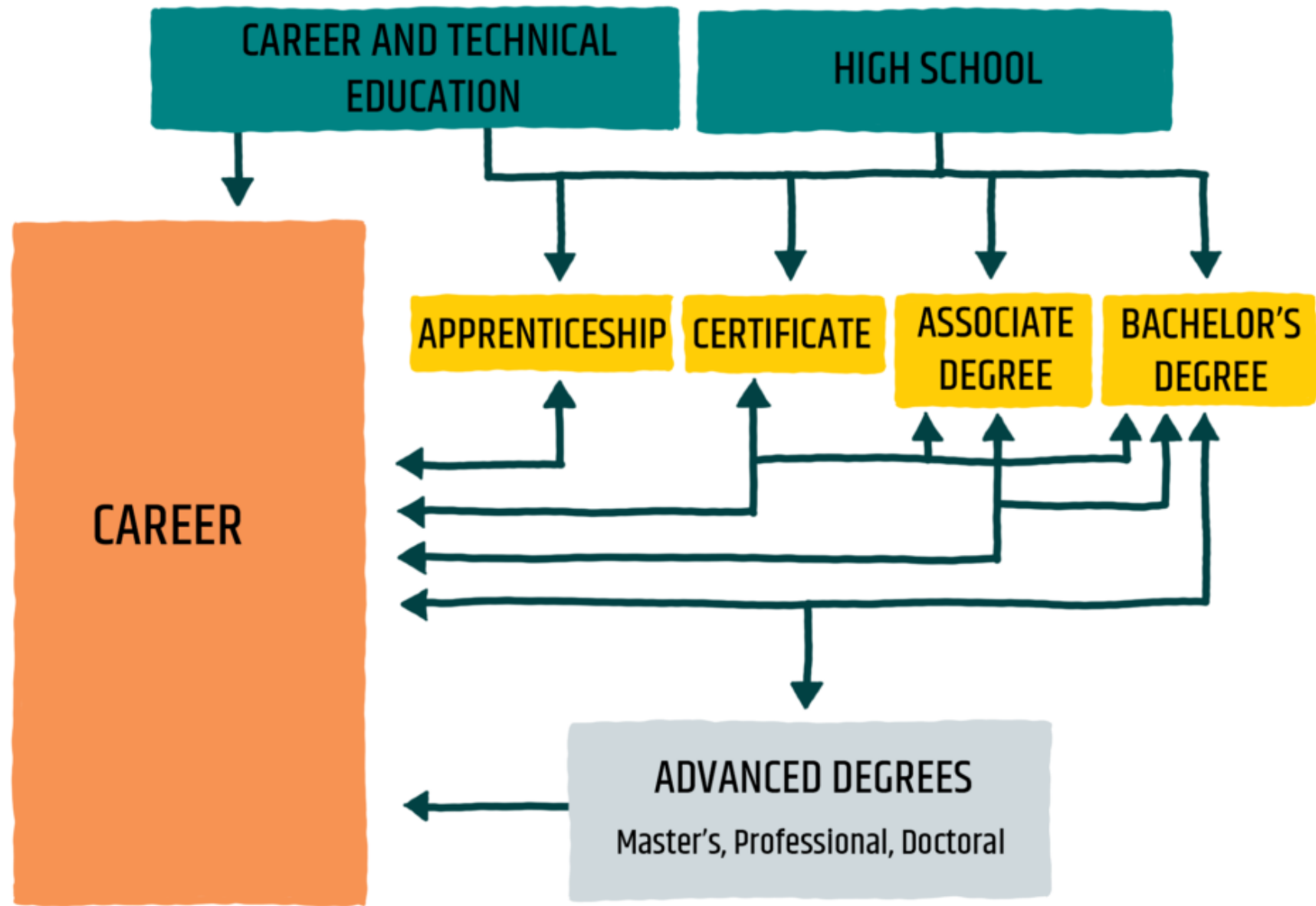
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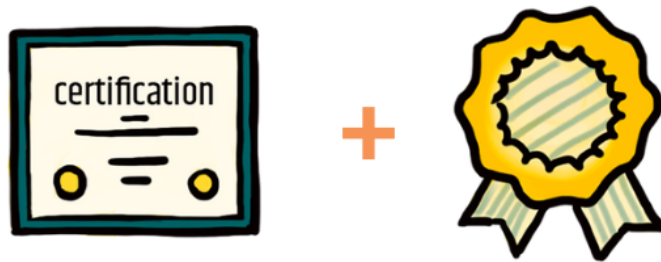
Education is essential AND you have options



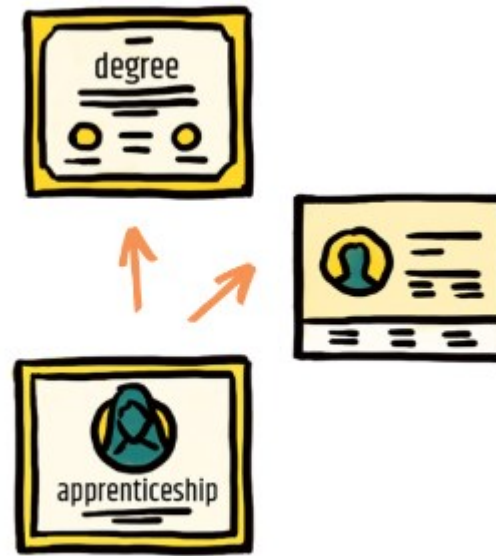


No Need to Pick Just One: Stack Them!

Build depth and breath of knowledge



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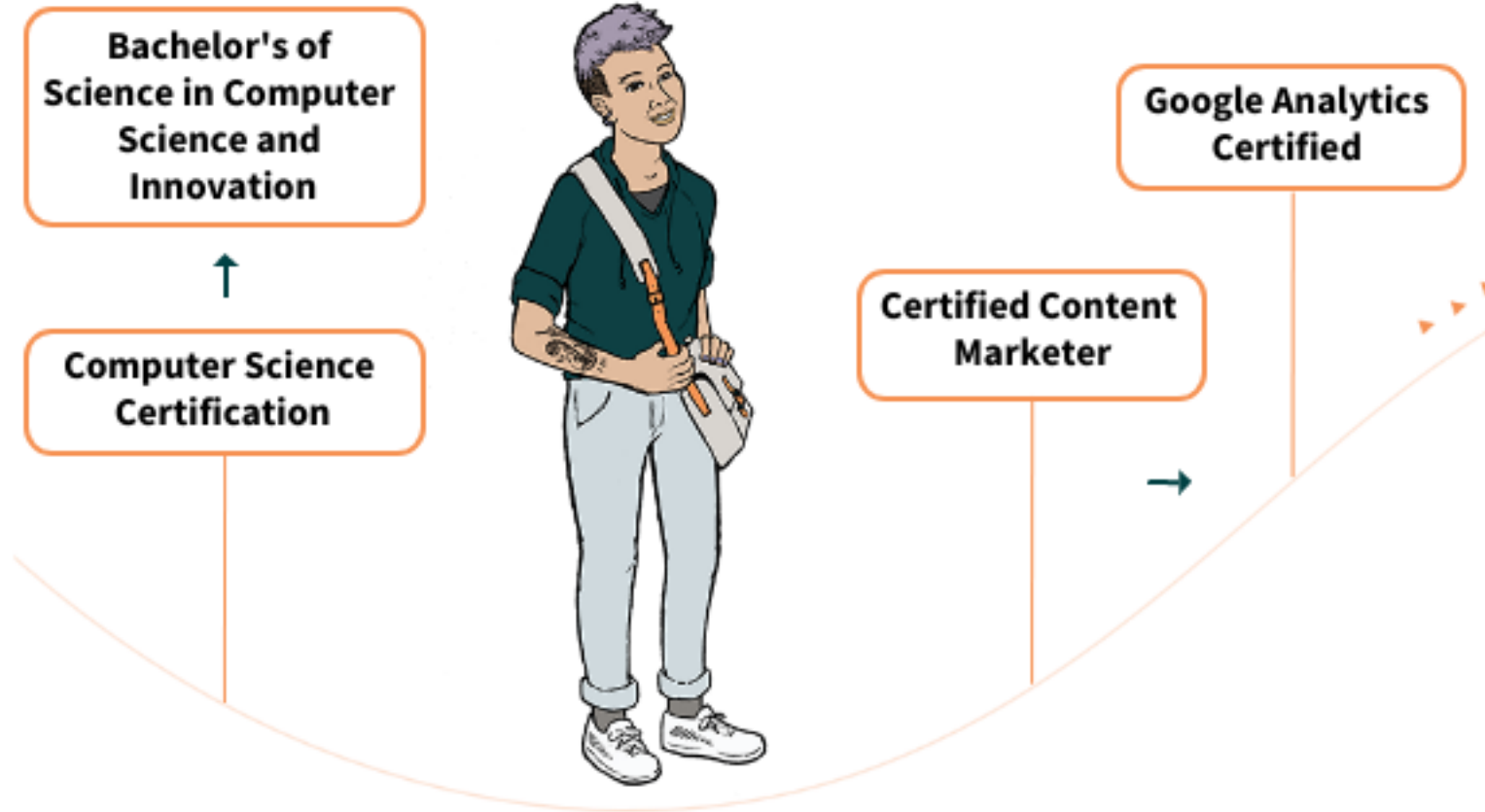


Hybrid



Vertical

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Vermont free hub for career and education exploration and planning



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Discover tips and stories to help with your job search, education exploration, and more.



Building carpentry skills through hands-on learning
Lily combines hands-on learning opportunities to build a foundation of skills in construction.
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Free tuition opportunities for Vermonters
Fact: Education after high school can be expensive. Fiction: Education after high school HAS to be [...]
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Step-by-step career guide

Using MyFutureVT to Explore Careers

1 ▶ Discover your interests

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- Career Interest Quiz**
- Explore a Path
- Find a Job

Find Education and Training

- Get Started
- Search Vermont Programs
- Types of Education
- What is a Credential?
- How to Pay
- Free Money: New Aid for the 2023-24 School Year

Get Support



Discover Your Strengths and Interests

JUMP TO: [Career Interest Profiler](#) | [Personality Profiler](#)

We all have different strengths and interests. Knowing yours can help you start planning your future.

These quizzes should be used only as a starting point. Personal [career help](#) is also available in Vermont.

Career Interests

What type of work would you like to do?

Rate your interest in different job tasks with the [O*Net Interest Profiler](#). This quiz will tell you how your answers match with six job categories.

The categories are: realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising, and conventional. Learn more about these categories, [here](#).

Estimated time: **10-15 minutes.**



Exploring a Career...in the Summer?

There are many programs that can provide students with career experience, training, credentials, often while earning a paycheck!



See If A Job Fits

Service Learning

Service learning is the concept of learning a new skill while doing something that helps others or the environment. It is a great way to explore careers and build your skills. The Serve Learn Earn initiative provides paid service and learning opportunities for Vermonters fourteen years and older. Many programs take place during the summer—the perfect time to try out a career.

Serve Learn Earn is a workforce development collaborative creating pathways to high-quality jobs and affordable education. It is a partnership between ReSOURCE, Vermont Works for Women, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and Audubon Vermont. [Learn more and explore SLE's programs.](#)



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Using MyFutureVT to Explore Careers

2 ▶

Explore careers that
match your interests



Careers Database

Explore the 550+ careers in the Vermont, including it's "most promising."

The screenshot displays the MyFutureVT.org Careers Database interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "554 Results" and a search input field labeled "Type your keywords here...". To the left of the search bar are buttons for "FILTERS" and "RESET". To the right are icons for a grid view and a list view.

The main content area features three career cards, each with a header image, a title, two buttons for "OVERVIEW" and "INTERESTS", and statistics for Median Wage and Projected Openings. Each card also includes a "LEARN MORE ABOUT JOB" button.

- Accountants and Auditors:** HIGH PAY, HIGH DEMAND. Median Wage: \$35. Projected Openings: 2280.
- Actuaries:** Median Wage: \$58. Projected Openings: 80.
- Acupuncturists:** Median Wage: \$38. Projected Openings: 110.

Below the first row of cards, there are three more images: two men working at a table with a large display of small items, a woman speaking at a podium with an American flag, and a man sitting at a desk with a laptop.

Filter down to what you want to see.

Search 554 Results

Filters: FILTERS, RESET

Search: Type your keywords here...

Accountants and Auditors: HIGH PAY, HIGH DEMAND

Actuaries

Acupuncturists

Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders

Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers

Administrative Services Managers

Overview and Interests buttons for each category.

554 Results

CLOSE

- Median Salary
\$274/year — \$239,200/year
- Projected Openings
- Skills Required
- Education Requirement
- Interests
- High Demand

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3 ▶ Learn more about careers





Carpenters

💰 HIGH PAY, HIGH DEMAND

Construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood and comparable materials, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors. May also install cabinets, siding, drywall, and batt or roll insulation. Includes brattice builders who build doors or brattices (ventilation walls or partitions) in underground passageways.

💰 \$28

Median Wage

📅 4270

Projected Openings

Skills Required

Are you practical and like hands-on activities and building?

- [Active Learning](#)
- [Active Listening](#)
- [Critical Thinking](#)
- [Monitoring](#)
- [Reading Comprehension](#)
- [Speaking](#)



Realistic - for practical people who like hands-on activities and building



Minimum Level of Education Required High School + Training

There are multiple education and training pathways to prepare for this career. In addition to credentials, employer sponsored training, on-the-job training, and other types of experience can help you get the skills and knowledge you need to be successful.

Education & Training Programs in Vermont

[Building Trades](#) | [Certificate](#) | [Central Vermont Career Center](#)

[Carpentry](#) | [Certificate](#) | [River Valley Technical Center](#)

[Construction 101](#) | [Certification](#) | [ReSOURCE](#)

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Pathways to Climate Careers

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You can make a difference in your community

Did you know that Vermont does not have enough people working in jobs that fight climate change?

If you care about climate change, think about how your skills could apply to a climate career in Vermont!

What is a climate career?

Jobs in renewable energy, weatherization, clean heat, clean transportation, and agriculture and forestry that support the climate.



Using MyFutureVT to Explore Education and Training

1 ▶ Identify your goals

What kind of training or credential do you need to move closer to your target career?

How can an education or training program best fit into your life?



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2 ▶ Learn about pathways





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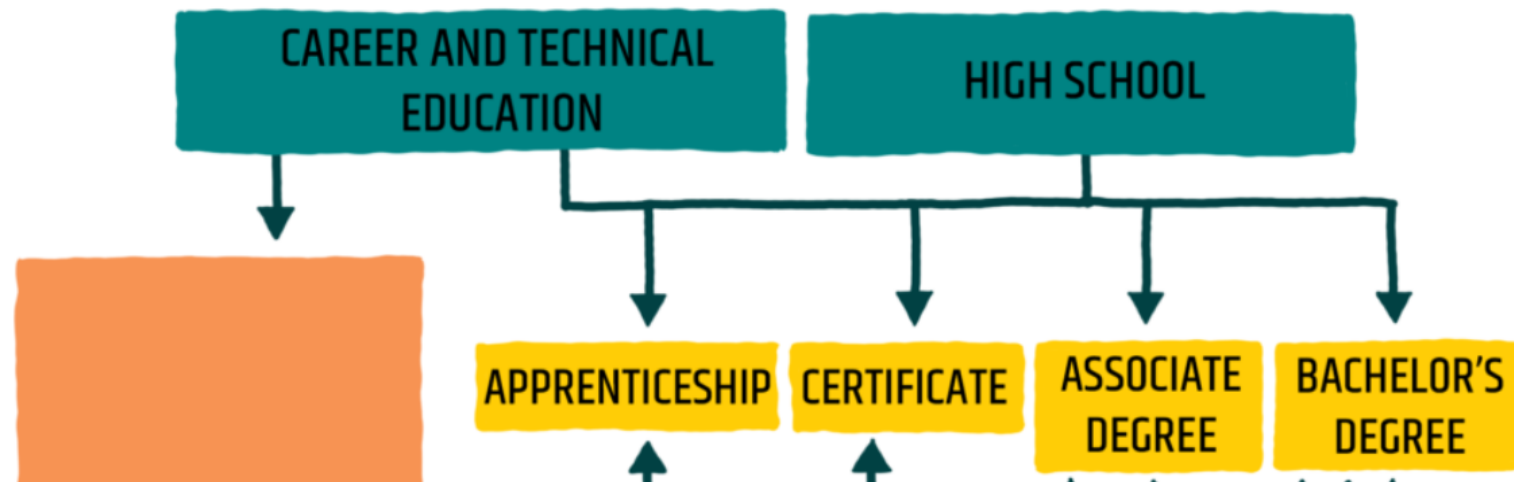
Types of Education

What is a Certificate?

Discover Types of Education

JUMP TO: [Why Education and Training](#) | [Pathways for High Schoolers](#) | [Finish High School or GED](#) | [Pathways After High School](#)

From apprenticeships to degree programs and on-the-job training to certificate programs, there's bound to be an education or training program that works for you and gets you one step closer to your goals.



Why Education and Training?

- 1. More job opportunities.** Education and training is the best way to build out your skills and increase your chances at being hired. This means more fulfilling job and career options.
- 2. Money, money, money.** Vermonters with education and training after high school make thousands more dollars a year, and your salary will grow with your level of training.
- 3. Invest in yourself.** So many of us have dreams, or goals, or plans that ignite joy and pride. Chase after them, no matter how big or small.

Flexible Pathways for High Schoolers

High schoolers: you have the ability to make high school what you want it to be. Save time and money by getting a jump start on your college credits or career experience before you've even graduated high school!

Career and Technical Education

Dual Enrollment

Fast Forward

Early College

Work-Based Learning

High school students in their junior and senior year can enroll at one of the 15 regional career and technical centers to enter a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. CTE programs offer a chance for you to learn hands-on skills for a career or post-high school training program. Programs may last a for part of the school day or all of the school day, and they will be a combination of academic and technical instruction. You will learn career skills while completing your high school diploma. 9th or 10th graders interested in technical education might be able to try the Pre-tech Exploratory and Foundational programs

Cost: Free

[Learn more about Career and Technical Education, see if you are eligible for a CTE program](#), or talk to your school counselor about how to get enrolled.



Education and Training Pathways After High School



The good news is that you have access to many different types of education and training. Once you have a high school diploma or GED in hand, you can explore your options and see which education and training pathway is a good fit for you.

Credentials can be earned through technical centers, colleges, universities, training centers, and even through online programs. If you are a high school student or adult looking to technical education to earn certification or licensure, consider the [regional technical center](#) near you. Vermont's colleges and universities offer certificates and 2-year, 4-year, and graduate degrees. Check out a list of those institutions [here](#).

Certificate

Registered Apprenticeship

Associate Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Certification

A certificate is a great way to show employers you have a strong foundation to start in a new career or industry. Or a certificate can show that you have knowledge about a specific subject in an industry you already work in that makes you an extra valuable employee. You don't have to take general education courses, which means your training will be totally focused on the skills you need. This makes it shorter and more affordable. The experience you gain in a certificate program can help you earn a degree or other credential faster if you decide to continue your training.

Offered by: Colleges, universities, and technical centers

Length of time: A few months – 2 years

Learning environment: Traditional classroom, hands-on learning, and/or a job site

General Education Requirement (English, Math, Social Studies): No

Online Options: Yes

Average total cost before financial aid: \$2,000-\$25,000. (Remember: [financial aid](#) can make this price much, much lower.)

Explore [certificate programs](#) in Vermont.

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3 ▶ Explore programs

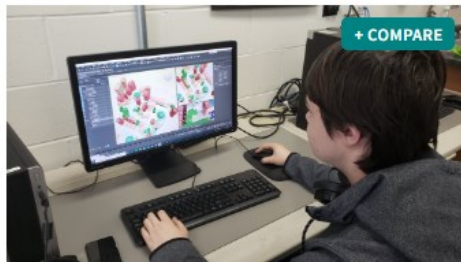


Vermont's Education and Training Programs

All of Vermont's most promising careers require education or training beyond high school — from a certificate to a master's degree.

Use the filters to sort by type of credential, which occupations and industries the credential leads to, how much it costs ([remember — most students do not pay the sticker price](#)), and more.

[FILTERS](#) [RESET](#) **649 Results** Search  

[+ COMPARE](#)

21st Century Media & Design Program | Certificate

River Bend Career & Technical Center

[LEARN MORE ABOUT PROGRAM](#)[+ COMPARE](#)

3D Technology | Certificate

Vermont State University

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Accounting (Online) | Bachelor's Degree

Champlain College

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CLOSE

Credential Type

- Apprenticeship (2)
- Associate Degree (48)
- Bachelor's Degree (295)
- Certificate (94)
- Certification (66)
- Graduate Certificate (39)
- License (37)
- Master's Degree (61)
- Registered Apprenticeship (7)

Delivery Type

Industries

Estimated Time to Completion (Full Time)

Estimated Time to Completion (Part Time)

Location

Offered By

Total Cost (Before Financial Aid)

[+ COMPARE](#)

Construction Trades & Management Program | Certificate

[Randolph Technical Career Center](#)



This is intended for high school students attending from within the district. Students from outside the district or adults who are not enrolled in high school can contact the center to apply for this program, as well.

Description

This is intended for high school students attending from within the district. College credits may be available as part of this program. Students from outside the district or adults who are not enrolled in high school can contact the center to apply for this program, as well.

Students participate in both classroom and off-campus projects that include many areas and phases of construction work, including carpentry, masonry, electrical, and plumbing. In addition, students are introduced to local contractors and manufacturers who offer students a range of apprenticeship opportunities. Graduates of the Construction Trades Management program are prepared to enter a two- or four-year college program in construction management or other building-related fields.

This program includes or prepares for the following credential(s): [NCCER Level 1: Carpentry Certificate](#); [NCCER Construction Core: Introductory Craft Skills Certificate](#).

[VISIT PROGRAM WEBSITE](#)

Certificate



In-person



Prerequisites

None



Estimated Time to Completion

Full-Time: 1 year



Language

English



Night/Weekend Offerings

Not Offered



Location

Randolph

Cost For High School Students \$0

For Adults \$7,071

Cost information is approximate, please visit the program's website for the most up to date information available.

[MORE ABOUT PROGRAM COSTS](#)

Financial Assistance

CTE funding sources

For high school students attending from within the district, there is no cost to this program. For students from outside of the district and adults who are not enrolled in high school, local scholarships and other funding sources may be available. Follow the link and contact the CTE center for more information.

State or Local Grant
Institutional Grant
Private Grant

[CTE FUNDING SOURCES DETAILS](#)

Careers in Vermont

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Related Occupations

[First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers](#)

Related Industries

Construction

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 Program name	Carpentry Program	Construction Trades & Management Program	Construction Technology Program	Woodworking & Fine Furniture Design (BFA)
 Institution	River Valley Technical Center	Randolph Technical Career Center	Green Mountain Technology & Career Center	Vermont State University
 Credential type	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	Bachelor's Degree



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COMPARE PROGRAMS (4)

Consider How to Pay for Education and Training

JUMP TO: [Ways to Pay for Education and Training](#) | [FAFSA](#) | [Ways to Make Education and Training Less Expensive](#)

The price tag of education and training programs can be shocking, but most students do not pay the full sticker price. There is help for you to pursue your goals more affordably – the key is knowing what options are available and how to access them.



Ways to Pay for Your Education and Training

Grants and scholarships are available to lower the amount of your own money you need to spend on education and training. Loans can help by providing you cash up front to cover your payments. Most people who attend an education and training program after high school use a combination of these financial aid options.

Scan through the resources below for some financial aid 101. [Head over to VSAC for a deep dive.](#)

Grants

Scholarships

Loans



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Free Money: Aid for the 2024-25 School Year

There has never been a better time to be a student in Vermont.

There is more financial aid than ever to help you reach your goals. Whether you are looking for a short-term certificate, an associate degree, or bachelor's degree, check out these opportunities at Vermont's career and technical centers, and public colleges and universities. But do it now – with some programs, this money is limited and will go quickly!

This page provides an overview of the financial aid programs available in Vermont. If you're just getting started, check out our [financial aid overview](#). If you'd like to be connected to Vermont's financial aid experts, [reach out to VSAC](#).

Tuition Assistance Programs

Vermont residents have access to a wide variety of grant ("free money") programs to help pay for education and training. Some cover a portion of costs while others can pay full tuition.

Grants Available for In-State or Out-of-State Education Providers

Vermont Grant

Who: Vermont residents accepted or enrolled in a full or part time undergraduate degree or certificate program who do not already have a bachelor's degree (except for medical students at UVM and students enrolled in a doctor of veterinary medicine program).

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SKIP TO: [What's Next After Graduation](#) | [Jump Start on College or Career](#) | [Supports Designed for You](#)

Welcome! This page is all about you, high school, and what comes after. You have so many options in front of you. For sure that can be scary. It's also exciting because choosing what you want to do in and after high school can be one of the first big steps you can take that is up to you. Your life, your choice. Take your time and scope out your options. Everything on this page is relevant to where you are in life so see what jumps out at you.

So What's Next After Graduation?*

We're going to pitch you on continuing your education and training. Pretty hard. And here's why: finding an education and training path can open you up to all kinds of opportunities in your career and personal life. If your goal is to chase your dreams, education and training after high school will get you the skills you need to make it happen. If your goal is to buy the latest and greatest gadgets or vehicles, education and training will help you get hired in a high-paying job. Your path will be winding, and you can start out by getting a job and then enrolling in a program. Your education and training will always be here when you're ready for it.

*If you're not sure you're going to graduate from high school, [check out these options](#).





Education and Career Services

It can be hard to find the people, resources, and help you need to figure out your next steps. Use the filters to sort this collection of resources by who you are and what type of help you are looking for.

FILTERS **RESET** | 40 Results

Search

Career Resource Centers

Vermont Department of Labor



Topic

Career Advising



Location

Statewide

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Think College Vermont

University of Vermont



Topic

Education Support



Location

Burlington

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Online Dual Enrollment

Landmark College



Topic

Education Support



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Pathways Vermont

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Landmark College

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Audiences

- Adults (18)
- Black Indigenous People of Color (1)
- English Language Learners (3)
- High School Students (20)
- In or Formerly in Foster Care (5)
- In Recovery (4)
- Involved with the Justice System (7)
- LGBTQIA+ (5)
- Living with Disability (16)
- Mature Workers (6)
- Middle School Students (1)
- New Americans (5)
- Parents (3)
- Veterans (6)
- Women (4)

+

Topic of Support

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Location

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Delivery Type

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VIEW RESULTS



Trailblazers

Vermont Works for Women

A pre-apprenticeship program in the trades for women and gender non-conforming individuals. Trailblazers requires no experience, is 7 weeks long, and offers:

- Hands-on training covering core trades skills
- Nationally recognized certifications
- A safe and welcoming learning environment
- Mentorship for career planning and apprenticeship placement

[LEARN MORE](#)

Location

Statewide



Focus

Job skills
Education support
Career advising
Mentoring
Job search



Designed for

Adults
High School Students
LGBTQIA+
Women

PREVIOUS RESOURCE

Assistive Technology
Program



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Find job opportunities that align with your skills

Vermont Employment Pathfinder (VEP) is a free, personalized resource you can use to aid in finding and applying for jobs that align with your skills and interests.

You can access VEP using MyFutureVT!

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

LOG IN

What can I do on Vermont Employment Pathfinder?



Build your resume/CV



Identify your skills



Find education opportunities



Find job opportunities



Vermont Employment Pathfinder

AI powered, personalized, skills-based tool
that:

- Identifies skills
- Finds education opportunities
- Connects to job openings
- Links employers with employees
- Resume builder



Skills

Careers

Learn

Jobs



2009 - 2013

★ **Cashier**
Hannafords

Added skills 0

Which skills did you use?
Pick from suggestions or search for skills. It's OK to add skills you only used rarely.

Search skills

Sales argumentation (+)
Techniques and sales methods used in order to present a product or service to customers in a persuasive manner and to meet their expectations and needs.
[I don't know this skill](#)

Customer service (+)
Processes and principles related to the customer, client, service user and to personal services; these may include procedures to evaluate customer's or service user's satisfaction.
[I don't know this skill](#)

Maintain transaction's reports (+)
Maintain regular reports related to the transactions performed via

Operate cash point (+)
Count the money. Balance cash drawer at the end of the shift.

Question Time

What stood out to you in MyFutureVT & VEP?

What's a next step you will take?



“

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

”

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT



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| Thank you. Any questions?

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