

# Post-High School Options

## College or University

Colleges and universities offer four-year bachelor's degrees in most areas of the arts and science fields (the B.A. and B.S. degrees), as well as pre-professional programs and other specializations. Many also offer graduate and professional degrees.

## Community College

Community colleges offer students different types of degrees:

- **Certificate Program:** a 1-2 year career program designed to prepare the student for immediate entry into a specific career. Examples include Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Manufacturing or Interior Design.
- **Associate of Applied Science:** a degree awarded upon completion of a two-year career program and designed to prepare the student for immediate entry into a specific career field. Many of these programs have internships, which help students get on-the-job training.
- **Associate of Arts and Associate in Science:** two-year degrees designed for students who will transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a four-year bachelor's degree.

Harper College in Palatine is the local community college serving Prospect students.

## Vocational/Technical

Vocational/Technical schools offer short-term training for a wide variety of specific jobs, such as beauty, tourism, or auto repair. Certificates for some programs may take only a few weeks while others may take up to two years to complete. Students and parents should investigate and visit any schools being considered for: accreditation, licensing, facilities, cost, quality of instruction, reputation, stability & financial aid. You may find some of these same programs are offered at the community college for a lower cost.

## On-the-job Training or Apprenticeship

For some careers, such as masons, electricians, or home health aides, the best preparation is to work under highly skilled workers. These apprenticeships allow you to gain experience in the field, determine if you have an interest in the career, and create a network of contacts, while earning a salary. The Career Advisor has resources to help you locate employers, and prepare for the application process.

## Military

The military may be a good option for those wishing to obtain specialized training and/or college financial assistance. Each branch of the military visits Prospect twice per year. Check morning announcements for dates and times.

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<b>Coast Guard</b>	<b><a href="http://www.uscg.mil">www.uscg.mil</a></b>
<b>National Guard</b>	<b><a href="http://www.nationalguard.com">www.nationalguard.com</a></b>
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