

## Plan Your Education Checklist

The activities below are ways to plan your education. Try some of all of the activities to help create your ultimate education goal.

\_\_\_ Understand your training options – it doesn't just include traditional college programs. Review options at the bottom of this article: [Is Higher Education for You?](#)

\_\_\_ Interview employers about what education they prefer to see in their candidates. [Learn about informational interviews.](#)

\_\_\_ Talk about your education goals with your family, a mentor, or someone in your network. [Learn about networking.](#)

\_\_\_ Talk to other adults who have completed training in your area of interest. Ask them about their experience as an adult student.

\_\_\_ Research different training options online. [Use the search tools on this website.](#)

\_\_\_ Gather details about training options that interest you. Collect details like costs, requirements, application deadlines, and financial aid availability.

\_\_\_ Read books or [watch videos](#) about skill development or goal setting.

\_\_\_ Discuss your education plans with a school advisor or career counselor. [Find help on campus.](#) Or, talk with a WorkForce Center career counselor about career opportunities in your region. [Find your local WorkForce Center.](#)

\_\_\_ Ask a college admissions representative for advice on what it takes to get into their program.

\_\_\_ Talk to military recruiters.

\_\_\_ Apply to schools. [Learn about the application process.](#)

\_\_\_ [Prepare for entrance and placement exams.](#)

\_\_\_ See if there are options to earn credit for learning you have already done. [Learn more about credit for prior learning.](#)

\_\_\_ Explore options to pay for your training. [Learn more about paying for school.](#)

\_\_\_ Plan ahead for potential barriers that will keep you from completing your goals. [Find support services.](#)

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