Vocational/Trade School

Description

Trade schools are designed to teach specific skills to perform a particular job. Through vocational training you can become an electrician, plumber, carpenter, mechanic, auto body technician, heating and refrigerator technician, chef, cosmetologist, fashion designer, graphic designer, photographer, etc.

Trade work is just as mentally challenging as fields like business, law, and medicine. Choosing a trade program does not mean you are not smart. Trade professions are by no means easy work. If you are a hands-on learner and enjoy physical work, trade school may be the right choice for you.

Pros

- It is a well-paid career path
- Public trade schools are affordable
- You can work for a company or become self-employed
- You will constantly be around what you love
- The other students will share your passion
- The teachers will be very knowledgeable in their specialty
- The trade school environment is more supportive of your long term goals than a traditional college
- Trade schools provide job placements for qualified students

Cons

- Work conditions can be hazardous, also known as the 3D’s, Dirty, Demanding, and Dangerous
- You will not have as many options for broadening your horizons through unrelated electives and minors as you would at a four-year college (you will be choosing a career over education)
- Some trades are stigmatized as fall back careers for people who do not perform well in high school
- Many people look down on blue-collar workers
- Private trade schools can be expensive

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Requirements

- Demonstrate the desire, interest, and commitment to succeed in the chosen career field
- Most trade schools require a high school diploma or GED
- Some schools require high school transcripts and a passing score on an entrance exam

How do I get started?

Step 1-

Decide what type of career you want to pursue. Consult a guidance or career counselor at your high school to answer your questions and to address any concerns you have about a specific field or career path. Browse through different job descriptions to give you an idea of the preferred and minimum requirements employers look for when hiring employees for specific job positions.

Step 2-

Learn about and meet the educational requirements and certifications needed to enter your chosen field. Ask your academic adviser to assist you in obtaining this information.

Step 3-

Enroll in a program at a trade school that supports the type of education necessary for entrance in your chosen career field. Los Angeles Trade-Technical College is a great place to start. Their mission is to prepare students for careers. Their classrooms look like the work place. For example, carpentry students build houses, fashion design classes look like apparel manufacturing firms, and cosmetology classes are held in salons. There are a number of other vocational/trade schools in California, such as, Brooks Institute (photography school), Platt College (design, paralegal, health care services school), UEI (business administration, healthcare, massage therapy, computer technology and pharmacy), etc.

Step 4-

Take advantage of the resources your trade school offers. Most institutions employ individuals in their Career Services department who specialize in helping students find jobs in their career field. Use the resume writing and job placement services offered by your school.

Step 5-

Obtain an internship while enrolled in trade school. This gives you relevant work experience in your career field. While many jobs require specialized educational training, "real world" work experience that is directly relevant to your career is always a positive attribute on your resume.
Vocational/Trade Schools in California

**American Career College**
Many of their students graduate and find good entry-level positions in the Healthcare field.

**American InterContinental University**
Supercharge your IT, Business or Design career at AIU.

**Brooks College**
Get your career in design and technology started at Brooks College.

**Brooks Institute of Photography**
Kick start your picture perfect career at Brooks Institute of Photography.

**California Culinary Academy**
Get your career cooking with California Culinary Academy.

**California School of Culinary Arts**
Train with the best - at California School of Culinary Arts.

**DeVry University**
Get on the fast track to success at DeVry University.

**Everest Institute**
The Everest Institute can provide you with an affordable career education that will enhance your earning power, prepare you for a rewarding career, and challenge your limits.

**Institute for Business and Technology**
IBT offers programs in: Heating & AC, Commercial Refrigeration, Electrician, Massage Therapy, Medical Assistant, Medical Insurance Billing/Coding, and many other tech programs.

**ITT Tech**
ITT Technical Institute offers programs in some of today's hottest technical areas.

**MTI College**
If you are looking for a vocational college that is focused on student success, offers small classes and personalized attention, MTI College is your answer. In as little as nine months, you can be job-ready for a new career and a better life.

**National Institute of Technology**
At National Institute of Technology (NIT), you can expect to receive a quality education that takes advantage of modern facilities, the latest technologies, smaller class sizes, and the insight and wisdom of a seasoned faculty.

**Northwestern College**
It’s time to get technical at Northwestern Technical College.

**Platt College**
Turn your talents into a career at the nationally recognized and accredited Platt College.

**TechSkills**
With over 30 Learning Centers nationwide, TechSkills has grown to become one of the nation’s leading IT training providers.
United Education Institute
Our years of experience have earned us the trust of employers and this trust is based on the performance of our graduates.

Universal Technical Institute (UTI)
Get your automotive career in gear at Universal Technical Institute (UTI).

University of Phoenix
The University of Phoenix offers campus-based learning via a unique online+campus format. They combine the convenience of online learning with the benefits of classroom interaction.

University of Redlands
At University of Redlands School of Business we teach you methods of viewing the world from multiple perspectives. We provide both theory and practice in analyzing and framing business problems. You will become proficient in developing creative, effective.

Westwood College
Start your future in aviation today at Westwood College of Technology.

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Start your future in aviation today at Westwood College of Technology in Inglewood, California.

WyoTech
WyoTech offers specialized training in automotive, diesel, collision/refinishing, street rod, service management, custom trim & upholstery, and advanced diesel applications.

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