

# 1 ABOUT COLLEGE AND CAREER: COLLEGE AND CAREER CONNECTION

Individuals with a college **degree** earn **\$1 million more over their lifetime** compared to those with only a high school diploma. (Khan Academy, 2014).

## WHAT EDUCATION DOES MY DREAM JOB REQUIRE?

You can choose from hundreds of **majors** and **certificates**. Typically, most fall into two categories: **liberal arts** or **career-oriented**.

## CAREER-ORIENTED MAJORS OR CERTIFICATES

focus on developing particular skills and knowledge for **specific careers**

Marine biology

Culinary arts

Paralegal studies

Engineering

Dental hygiene

## \* DO RESEARCH:

Research different colleges to figure out which ones offer the certification program, major and/or degree that you need for your career. What you choose will impact how much money you earn.

## LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS

include literature, philosophy, history and languages. These majors are broader and can lead to various jobs that don't require specific or technical knowledge.

**English** – editor, marketing executive, writer

**Foreign language** – foreign service officer, translator, teacher

**Political science** – community organizer or activist, lawyer, policy analyst

**Psychology** – market researcher, social worker, mental health counselor

## DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO YET?

### 1 Think about your interests.

List **job ideas** and interests and then research how they can connect to a job.

Visit [careerbridge.wa.gov](https://careerbridge.wa.gov) to explore careers.

### 2 Determine how to qualify for different jobs.

Learn **job requirements** (skills, classes, specific degrees or training, etc.)

Talk to a **career counselor**, mentor or family member.

### 3 Get experience.

Volunteer, get an **internship** or **job shadow**.

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