

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**.

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

CAREER-ORIENTED MAJORS OR CERTIFICATES

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

Marine biology

Culinary arts

Paralegal studies

Engineering

Dental hygiene

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 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**.

MAR: GRADE 9 and 10

* 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.

