

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sierra Leone. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing your background—it's great that you're thinking ahead about your education. In Denmark, after finishing **primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole)**, you typically have a few main educational paths to choose from. Each path can lead to different types of careers or further education. Here's a breakdown to help guide your decision:

## 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

This is a good option if you're interested in going to **university later**.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: Broad and academic, with subjects like science, languages, and humanities. Great if you're not sure what you want yet.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)**: Focused on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)**: Focused on technology, IT, and natural sciences.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)**: A shorter 2-year program, more practical and often taken by slightly older students or those who want a quicker route to higher education.

### Best for you if:

You enjoy school and want to keep your options open for university studies later (medicine, law, engineering, teaching, etc.).

## 2. Vocational Education and Training (Erhvervsuddannelser - EUD)

This combines school and paid work (apprenticeship). You get hands-on skills and a profession.

Some examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Healthcare assistant
- IT Supporter

### Best for you if:

You prefer **learning by doing** rather than only theory, and want to start earning sooner. Also, you can later build on it with an **EUX** program, which adds academic subjects and allows access to university too.

### 3. EUX – The Combination Path

A mix of vocational training and upper secondary education. You learn a trade AND get a high school diploma.

#### Best for you if:

You want **practical skills** plus the **option to study at university** later. It's a challenging but flexible path.

### Considering Your Background

Being multilingual and having an international background can be a huge strength! You might also consider:

- Studying **languages**, **international relations**, **business**, or **social work**.
- Programs that offer **internships** or **international exchanges**.

### How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I prefer academic work or hands-on learning?
- Do I already know what career I want?
- Do I want to start working soon, or study longer?
- What subjects do I enjoy most?

You can also:

- Talk to a **student counselor (Studievejleder)** at your current or future school.
- Visit **educational fairs** or websites like [ug.dk](https://ug.dk) (official Danish education site).
- Try a "**brobygning**" (**bridge-building**) or **praktik (internship)** to explore different paths.

If you tell me a bit more about what subjects you like, what you're good at, or what kind of job you dream of, I can give you a more tailored recommendation.