

# **Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark**



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Haiti. 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 a bit about yourself — that helps a lot in giving you good advice. At 16 in Denmark, you have several educational paths you can choose from now that you've completed *folkeskole*. Your next step depends on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here are your main options, along with suggestions depending on what kind of person you are:

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

These are ideal if you think you might want to go to university one day. There are a few types:

- STX (Studentereksamen) Broad academic focus, good for university.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** Focus on business, economics, marketing. Great if you're interested in entrepreneurship or business careers.
- HTX (Higher Technical Examination) Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** Shorter and more flexible, good if you're unsure or want to study later without doing a full 3-year program.

👉 Choose this if you like school, want academic challenges, and see yourself maybe doing a degree later.

# **2.** Erhvervsuddannelse (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

This combines school and apprenticeship. You learn a trade and get real work experience.

#### **Examples:**

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Chef
- Social and health care worker (SOSU)
- IT Supporter

You usually start with a **basic course (grundforløb)**, then continue with **practical training (praktik)** in a company.

👉 Choose this if you want to start working sooner, learn by doing, and like having hands-on skills.

## 3. EUD + EUX (Vocational + Academic Combo)

This is like getting a vocational education **and** a studentereksamen at the same time. It's more demanding, but gives you both options: you can work or go to university.

← Choose this if you're practical and smart, and want to keep all doors open.

# Some Additional Thoughts for You

Being born in Denmark with Haitian roots gives you a unique perspective. Here are a few personalized tips:

- **Use your bilingual/bicultural background** as a strength. For example, jobs in healthcare, social work, or international business often benefit from multicultural skills.
- **Consider mentorship or support programs** for minority youth. Denmark has initiatives to support students from diverse backgrounds.
- **Think long-term but stay flexible.** You don't need to have everything figured out now. Just pick something that fits you *now*, and know you can change paths later.

#### How to Choose?

#### Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school and academic subjects? → Consider STX, HHX, or HTX.
- Do I like working with my hands or learning by doing? → Consider a VET education.
- Do I want the option of both work and university later? → Consider EUX.
- What kind of job do I see myself doing in 5–10 years?

If you want, I can help you compare specific programs, or we can explore careers that match your interests. Would you like to do that?