

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Benin. 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?

That's a great question—and a really important moment in your life. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark (likely *folkeskole*, around 9th or 10th grade), you now have a few clear options ahead depending on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn.

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are generally 3-year programs and prepare you for higher education.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focuses on a broad general education: humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Good if you're not sure yet.
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)** – Focuses more on technical and science subjects (good if you like technology, biology, physics, etc.).
- **HHX (Handelsskolens studentereksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and languages. Useful if you're interested in business or international trade.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter 2-year program, more practical and mature. Often taken after a break or if you prefer a less theoretical approach.

➡ Choose this path if:

You enjoy academic subjects, want to go to university one day, or are still exploring your options.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These are practical, hands-on programs that combine school and paid apprenticeships in real workplaces.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, IT technician, social and healthcare assistant, etc.
- Duration: 3–5 years depending on the field.
- You can still go to higher education later through *EUX* (combining EUD and general education).

➡ Choose this path if:

You prefer learning by doing, want to start earning sooner, and already have an idea of a profession you're excited about.

3. EUX (Erhvervsfaglig studentereksamen)

A combination of vocational training (EUD) and general upper secondary education (like STX). Gives you both a trade and eligibility to go to university.

→ Choose this if:

You want a skilled trade but also want the option to go to university.

Questions to Help You Decide

1. Do you enjoy school and academic subjects like languages, science, or history?
2. Are you more practical—do you like building things, fixing, creating?
3. Do you already have a career dream (like working in healthcare, tech, business, or construction)?
4. Do you want to start earning sooner or study more before working?

Bonus Perspective: Background from Benin

Being fluent in Danish and having a multicultural background can be a strength—especially in areas like:

- **International business (HHX)**
- **Health and social care (EUD/EUX in SOSU)**
- **Technology (HTX or EUD IT tracks)**
- **Language and cultural fields (STX)**

My Recommendation (If You're Not Sure Yet)

Start with **STX** or **HTX**, especially if you're still exploring what you enjoy. These programs give you time to grow, explore different subjects, and keep your future options open—including university or even switching to vocational later.

But if you already love a specific trade or field (e.g., working with your hands, helping people, programming), an **EUD or EUX** path might suit you better and get you into a real job faster.

Would you like me to help you compare specific schools or programs in your area?