

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Guatemala. 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 that—you're in an exciting place in life, and it's great you're thinking ahead. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually means *folkeskole* up to 9th or 10th grade), the typical next step would be upper secondary education (*ungdomsuddannelse*). There are a few good options depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2–3 year programs that prepare you for higher education (like university):

✓ **Best for: If you enjoy academic subjects and might want to go to university later.**

- **STX** (*Studentereksamen*): Broad academic focus, good if you like subjects like Danish, history, languages, and science.
- **HHX** (*Handelsskolens studentereksamen*): Business- and economics-focused.
- **HTX** (*Teknisk studentereksamen*): Technology and science-oriented.
- **HF** (*Højere forberedelseseksamen*): 2-year program, more direct and practical, good if you want to go to university but don't want 3 years of school.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These combine school and paid work in a company (apprenticeship). Lasts around 3-5 years.

✓ **Best for: If you like practical, hands-on work and want to get into a job sooner.**

Examples:

- Carpenter, electrician, chef, mechanic, child care worker, health care assistant, etc.
- Many programs let you add a *EUX*, which combines vocational training with upper secondary education—so you can go to university later if you want.

3. Specialized Schools or Paths

- **Efterskole** (Optional): You can spend a year at an *efterskole* (boarding school for 9th or 10th grade) to grow socially and personally—many find it life-changing.

- **International Options:** Some Danes with international backgrounds look at bilingual or international programs.
- **Folk High Schools (*Højskole*):** These are for people over 17.5, so something to consider later—non-formal learning in arts, music, culture, etc.

Tips Based on Your Background

- **Being bilingual (Danish & Spanish)** is a big advantage—consider careers where language is valuable (teaching, translation, international business, diplomacy, etc.).
- **Think about your interests:** Do you like working with people, solving problems, building things, creating, organizing? Let that guide your choice.
- **Talk to a *UU-vejleder*:** In Denmark, you have access to youth education advisors who can help you understand the right path for you.

Final Advice

You're not locked into anything forever—many people switch paths or study later in life. The most important thing is to **choose something that feels right for now**, where you can both learn and grow.

Would you like help choosing based on your interests or favorite subjects? I can help you narrow it down!