

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saint Kitts and Nevis. 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 great that you're thinking carefully about your next step. At 16 in Denmark, you have several options after finishing **Folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)**. Since you're fluent in Danish and have completed your schooling here, you have access to all the same options as any Danish student. The right path depends on your interests, strengths, and what kind of future you imagine. Here are the main paths you can take, with advice tailored to your background:

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

These are the more academic options that prepare you for university later.

### A. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focuses on general academic subjects (Danish, history, science, languages).
- Great if you like a broad education and want flexibility.
- Good for university later (any subject).

### B. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- Good if you're interested in business, marketing, or finance.

### C. HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- Focuses on science, technology, and IT.
- Great for future engineers, scientists, or tech careers.

### D. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years), more practical, more mature environment.
- Good if you want to go to university but don't want the full 3-year gymnasium.

➡ **Recommended if:** You enjoy studying academic subjects and might want to go to university.

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

If you prefer **hands-on learning**, this is a great path. You learn a trade and often get paid during internships (praktik).

- Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, healthcare assistant, mechanic, etc.
- Lasts 3-5 years depending on the program and includes both school and work.

➔ **Recommended if:** You like practical work, want a job faster, or prefer real-world learning over classroom theory.

## How to Decide?

Here are some questions you can ask yourself:

Question	What it suggests
Do I enjoy classroom learning and exams?	Consider gymnasiale uddannelser
Am I more hands-on and want to work early?	Consider a vocational education
Am I interested in business or IT?	HHX or HTX might suit you
Do I want to keep many options open for the future?	STX is the broadest option
Do I want a shorter academic route?	HF can be a good choice
Do I want to run my own business someday?	HHX or even a vocational trade + entrepreneur training

## Personal Factors

- **Bilingual and bicultural background:** That could be a strength in international business, diplomacy, tourism, or language-based careers.
- **Saint Kitts and Nevis roots:** If you're interested in international relations, Caribbean studies, or global development, this could become part of your identity and career later.

## Next Steps

1. **Visit an *uddannelsesvejleder*** (educational counselor) at your school or youth guidance center (*UU-vejledning*).
2. **Attend open houses** at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
3. **Talk to people in different professions** to see what their work is like.
4. **Use websites like [UddannelsesGuiden \(ug.dk\)](https://www.uddannelsesguiden.net/)** for official info about all programs.

If you'd like, I can help you explore what careers might suit you based on your interests and suggest specific schools or programs near your area. Would you like to do a quick interest-based quiz or share what you're most interested in?