

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?

That's great that you've finished primary school — congratulations! 🎉 At 16, in Denmark, you're at a key point where you can choose a path that suits your interests, strengths, and future goals. Since you're fluent in Danish and have a multicultural background, you have a strong foundation to build on.

Here are the main educational paths available to you in Denmark after primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole):

✓ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Track)

This is the typical path if you want to go to university later.

Main types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad and academic, includes humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), for those who want a more practical or flexible path to higher education.

🧠 Good if you:

- Want to go to university
- Like academic subjects like languages, science, business, or tech
- Prefer classroom learning

✓ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

This combines school learning and apprenticeships in companies.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- IT support
- Healthcare assistant

- Chef
- Mechanic

Good if you:

- Want to work with your hands or get into a trade quickly
- Like practical learning
- Prefer getting paid during your education (during internships)

3. EUX – Combination of Academic and Vocational

This combines VET with academic subjects so you can **both** work in a trade **and** go to university if you want later.

Best of both worlds if:

- You want job skills but also want to keep the door open for higher education
- You're not 100% sure yet

What to Think About When Choosing:

- Do you enjoy theory or practical work more?
- Do you see yourself going to university later?
- What are your passions? (e.g., tech, business, healthcare, social work, creative arts)
- Would you like to start earning money soon?

Suggested Steps:

1. **Take a guidance meeting** (studievejleder) – your school can help you set this up.
2. **Visit open house events** at gymnasium or erhvervsskole.
3. **Try a "brobygning" (intro course)** if you're unsure.
4. **Talk to family and mentors** who know you well.

Bonus Tip:

As someone with Sierra Leonean roots, consider how you might use your background and bilingual/multicultural skills — for example, in:

- International business
- Social work
- Healthcare
- Teaching
- Development or NGO work

Would you like help figuring out which path matches your interests? I can ask you a few questions to narrow it down.