

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Lesotho. 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! Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark, you're likely at a key transition point in the Danish education system. Here's a clear overview of your main options and some guidance based on your background and opportunities:

Your Main Educational Paths in Denmark (Post-Folkeskolen)

After 9th or 10th grade, you typically choose between **general upper secondary education** (gymnasiale uddannelser) and **vocational education and training** (erhvervsuddannelser). Both are great options—it just depends on your interests and future goals.

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs are good if you think you might want to go to university someday.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic education, strong in humanities, social sciences, and sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – More technical/scientific subjects (good for tech, engineering, or science careers).
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented; often for those who want to enter specific university programs.

Choose this path if:

You enjoy academic learning, want to keep your options open for university, or are interested in a career in areas like law, medicine, business, science, or education.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

These combine school with hands-on work in a company (praktik). It typically leads to skilled professions.

Examples of fields:

- Electrician, mechanic, carpenter
- Health care worker

- IT supporter
- Hairdresser or chef

✓ Choose this path if:

You want to start working sooner, like practical/hands-on work, and want a clear route to a skilled trade or job.

3. Kombinationsuddannelser

Some programs combine both academic and practical training:

- **EUX** – A combination of vocational education and a high school-level exam (you get both hands-on skills and qualifications for university).

✓ Great option if:

You want the flexibility to both enter the workforce and still keep university as an option.

Additional Advice Based on Your Background

- Being fluent in Danish is a big strength. If you're also bilingual or speak Sesotho/English at home, that can be a big asset—especially in fields like international business, healthcare, or education.
- If you're not sure what you want yet, **consider 10th grade (10. klasse)**. It gives you an extra year to mature, explore interests, and prepare for upper secondary.
- Denmark supports students from diverse backgrounds well—look into **mentoring programs** or **guidance counseling** (vejledning) at your school or local UU center.
- If you're interested in **helping people**, consider healthcare or teaching tracks. If you're more creative or entrepreneurial, HHX or HTX might fit well.

What You Can Do Now

1. **Talk to a UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)** – They can give you personalized advice and help you apply.
2. **Visit open house events** at gymnasiums or vocational schools near you.
3. **Think about what subjects you enjoy most**, and what kind of learning style suits you.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or career dreams? I can help you compare specific options like STX vs. EUX or suggest programs near your location.