

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Canada. 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 point in life to pause and reflect — and it's excellent that you're already thinking carefully about your options. In Denmark, after completing **folkeskolen (primary and lower secondary school)**, you typically choose between several types of **youth education programs**. The right choice depends on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

Options:

- **STX (Alment gymnasium)** – General high school with broad subjects (sciences, humanities, social sciences).
- **HHX** – Focuses on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX** – Focuses on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF** – A shorter 2-year academic program (usually for those a bit older or who want a more practical approach to academic studies).

Recommended if:

You're aiming for university or aren't yet sure what you want to do and want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education and training - VET)

These combine school and paid apprenticeships in a company.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Chef
- IT-supporter
- Hairdresser

- Healthcare assistant

Recommended if:

You prefer practical work, want to enter the workforce earlier, or want to train for a specific trade or skill.

Note: Some VET programs can also lead to further education later (e.g., via **EUX**, which combines VET with gymnasial subjects so you can access university too).

3. International options

Since you're fluent in both Danish and likely English, and have Canadian heritage, you might consider:

- **International Baccalaureate (IB)** – An international high school program taught in English.
- **Moving abroad later** – An international path could make it easier to study in Canada or elsewhere.

Recommended if:

You want an international education, possibly plan to study abroad later, or want education in English.

So what should you consider?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do I like academic learning or more hands-on/practical work?
- Do I want to go to university in Denmark, Canada, or elsewhere?
- Do I want to start working earlier, or study longer?
- Am I more interested in science/tech, business, humanities, arts, or health?

Suggestions for next steps:

- Visit your local **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)** — they're free and can help tailor advice to you.
- Attend **open house events** at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
- Try a **brobygning (bridge-building program)** — short trial stays at different schools to see what fits.

If you tell me more about your interests (e.g., subjects you like, career ideas), I can give a much more tailored recommendation!