

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Cambodia. 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! It's great that you're thinking ahead about your future. In Denmark, after finishing primary school (folkeskole, typically after 9th or 10th grade), there are a few common educational paths you can take depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown to help guide your decision:

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

If you're interested in continuing your studies and possibly going to university later, this is a strong option.

### Main types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General academic focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences). Great if you're unsure exactly what to study later.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology and science. Ideal if you're into IT, engineering, or biotech.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented. Good if you want a quicker path to further education and are more mature/independent.

### ✓ Best for you if:

You enjoy academic subjects, want to keep your options open for university, or are passionate about a specific area like science, business, or social studies.

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

If you want to start working earlier and prefer learning by doing, this might be a better fit.

### Examples of areas:

- Carpenter, electrician, mechanic
- Hairdresser, chef, health care worker
- IT support, logistics, office assistant

You often combine school and practical work in a company (praktikplads). The programs can take 2-5 years depending on the specialization.

✓ **Best for you if:**

You like hands-on work and want to learn a profession and start earning money relatively soon.

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♦ **3. Kombineret vej – EUX (Vocational + Academic)**

This combines a vocational education with a general upper secondary education. You get both practical training and a qualification that lets you apply for university.

✓ **Best for you if:**

You want a job-focused education but still want the option of going to university later.

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♦ **Tips Just for You:**

- Being fluent in Danish is a huge advantage. If you're also good at English or other languages, that opens even more doors.
  - Think about what **interests** you: Are you creative? Do you like solving problems? Helping people? Working with your hands?
  - You can visit **UddannelsesGuiden (ug.dk)** – Denmark's official education site – and take a quiz to match your interests with a career path.
  - Many schools offer **brobygning** (bridging programs), where you can try different educations before choosing.
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Would you like help figuring out what kind of work or subjects interest you most? I can help you narrow it down with a few questions.