

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Haiti. 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! Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finished **folkeskolen** (primary/lower secondary school) in Denmark, you're now at an important crossroads in the Danish education system. There are a few different educational paths available to you, and the best one depends on your **interests, skills, and career goals**.

Here's a quick overview of your main options after 9th or 10th grade in Denmark:

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

If you're interested in academic subjects and possibly going to university later.

**Main types:**

- **STX** (studentereksamen): Broad, academic – good for many university options.
- **HHX** (handelsgymnasium): Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (teknisk gymnasium): Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF**: A 2-year option for more mature students or those who took 10th grade.

✓ **Best for you if:** You enjoy school, want to keep your options open, and might want to go to university later.

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

If you'd rather start learning a **trade or profession**, possibly start earning money earlier, and don't necessarily want to go to university.

Examples of professions:

- Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, healthcare assistant, etc.

✓ **Best for you if:** You want hands-on learning, maybe aren't a big fan of traditional classroom settings, and like working directly with people or tools.

## 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

This combines vocational training **with** upper secondary academic studies. You get both a vocational diploma **and** a studentereksamen.

✓ **Best for you if:** You want practical skills and a trade, but also want the option to go to university later.

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An extra year after 9th grade, if you're unsure what to do next or want to improve grades and mature a bit more before starting upper secondary education.

✓ **Best for you if:** You're uncertain or want more time to decide.

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## So what should you choose?

That depends on:

-  What subjects do you enjoy? (Math, science, languages, business?)
  -  Do you see yourself going to university or starting work earlier?
  -  Are you more academic or more hands-on?
  -  Do you have a dream career (doctor, engineer, chef, entrepreneur, etc.)?
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## Personal Advice

As someone with Haitian roots and growing up in Denmark, you have a **diverse perspective** that can be a strength in many careers – like healthcare, teaching, social work, business, or international relations.

If you're still figuring things out:

- **Visit educational fairs** and **talk to guidance counselors (UU-vejledning).**
  - Consider **job shadowing or internships** (praktik) to get real-world experience.
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Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or career ideas? If you tell me what you enjoy doing or what you're curious about, I can give more specific suggestions.