

Post-Secondary Education

- Post-secondary education refers to all education that follows high school, and so it is often optional. Undergraduate, postgraduate and vocational schools make up the various types of post-secondary education.

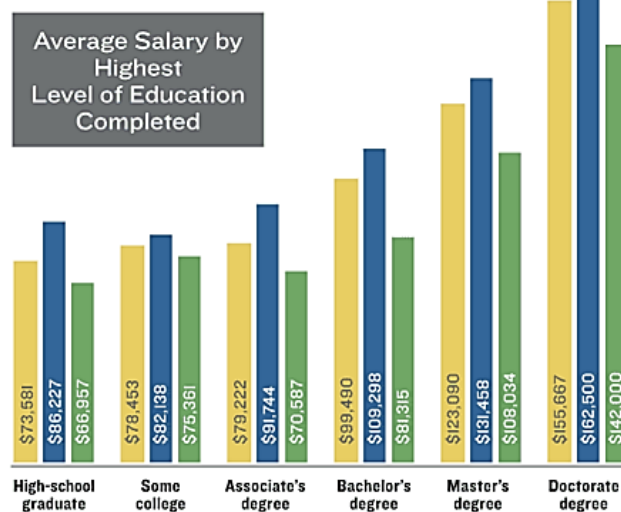


Undergraduate Schools

- Undergraduate schools are often just called college, and are the most common schools for a student graduating high school to attend. These typically take two to four years to complete. In the U.S., an undergraduate degree will earn you an Associates (A.S) or (A.A) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, depending on which course of study you choose to pursue.

Postgraduate Schools

- A postgraduate degree is often earned at a university, and it can sometimes be earned at the same college where you earned your undergraduate Bachelor's degree. Attending a school for a postgraduate degree in the United States allows you to earn a master's degree in any number of subjects including master of fine arts (MFA), master of business administration (MBA), and master's of education (M.Ed.), to include some of the more common degrees.



Vocational/Technical Schools

- Learning trades is done at vocational school. These are also called trade schools or career colleges. These schools are different from other types of schooling after high school in that they focus more on preparing you for a particular job. Examples of vocational type schools include dental school, veterinary school, and various schools that train for jobs involving computers. Some of these schools may require a previous undergraduate degree.

Terminal Degrees

- Some degrees are referred to as "terminal" because they are the furthest degree you can get in a particular field of post-secondary education. An example is the doctorate. Doctoral degrees allow you to put 'Dr.' before your name, even if the degree is not in the medical field. Literature, psychology, and history are some examples of fields you can receive a doctorate in. Some fields more associated with practice than theory, such as creative writing or acting, offer a master of fine arts as a terminal degree.

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