

Postsecondary Planning During Your Senior Year

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Finishing High School

Graduation Requirements Class of 2018

23 credits are needed to graduate from GHS:

- ✓ **English – 4 Credits**
- ✓ **Mathematics – 3 Credits**
- ✓ **Science – 3 Credits**
- ✓ **Social Studies – 3 Credits**
- ✓ **Health – 0.5 Credit**
- ✓ **Physical Education – 1.5 Credits (or PE Waiver Jr. Year)**
- ✓ **Electives – 8 Credits**
- ✓ **Passed Civics Test**

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If you do not know how many credits you have or are unsure if you will have enough to graduate, make an appointment to see your school counselor!!!!



What Should I
Do After High
School?



**The difference between
school and life?**

**In school, you're taught
a lesson and then given
a test. In life, you're
given a test that
teaches you a lesson.**

~Tom Bodett

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Postsecondary Options

- ✓ Work
- ✓ Military
- ✓ Apprenticeship
- ✓ Special Programs
- ✓ Technical School
- ✓ 2- or 4-Year College/University

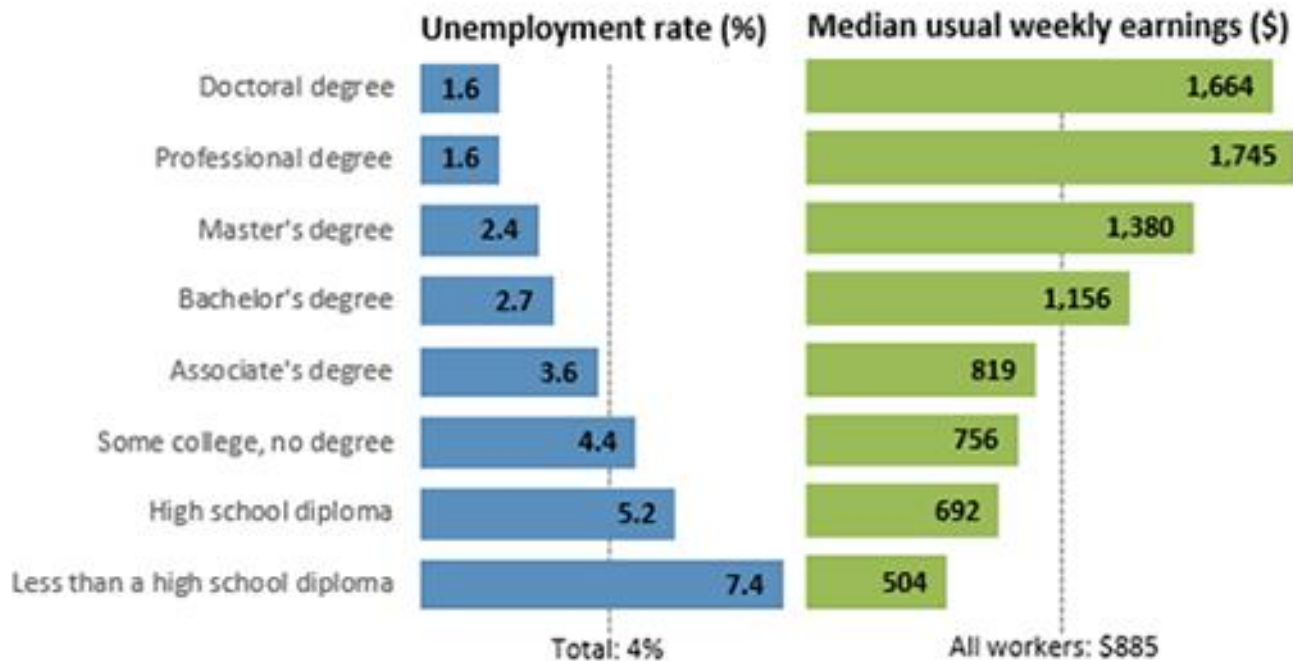


How Do I Get
There?

Work

- ✓ Consider some sort of postsecondary education or training

Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2016



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Military

- ✓ More information about enlisting, ROTC programs, or the military colleges and academies can be found at:
 - ASVAB Information
 - <http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/>
 - <http://todaysmilitary.com/>

You can also stop in the school counseling office and pick up information.

Military representatives also visit the school during lunch hours.

Apprenticeships

- ✓ Helpful information on apprenticeships in Wisconsin can be found on these sites:
 - <http://www.matc.edu/student/offerings/apprenticeships/general.html>
 - <http://www.buildingadvantage.org>
 - <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>
- ✓ See your school counselor for any materials you may need for the application process, such as transcripts

Special Programs

- ✓ Examples: Aveda, Bryant & Stratton, Madison Media Institute, Paul Mitchell, UTI, VICI, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, etc.
- ✓ Contact school/program you are interested in
- ✓ Visit/tour the school
- ✓ See your school counselor for any materials you may need for the application process, such as transcripts



Career Cruising




- ▶ This is a new career exploration tool that students will be utilizing in classes and during guidance lessons (similar to Career Locker but with enhanced features)
- ▶ Students will need to be able to access this program in order to track applications, request letters of recommendation, and to make transcript requests



Career Cruising



- Here is the link for Career Cruising
<https://sso.careercruising.com/page/openidconnect>
- This link can also be found on the guidance career exploration page on our website.
- Students will **not** need a user name and password as they will automatically be logged in through their Google Account (Career Cruising is already linked to students' Google Accounts-
- Note: students must be logged in to their GHS Google account



Things to do in Career Cruising

- ***My Saved Schools***- If students are interested in any school they can save it and then Mrs. Taylor can send invites if reps are coming to GHS
- Utilize ***My Scholarships & Financial Aid***
- Invite parents/guardians to view account
- Fill out ***Personal College Profile*** (to replace letter of rec request form)
- Utilize Campus Visit Forms in Career Cruising

Requesting Transcripts in Career Cruising

Here's how students can initiate transcript requests from My Plan:

- Log in to Career Cruising.
- From **My Plan**, click **My Education**.
- Select **My Transcripts**.
- Click **Send Ad-Hoc Transcript Request**.
- Select the destination for your request. If the NCAA is the destination, confirm the request. If the destination is a college, click a state and then choose the college by name.
- Click **Send Now** to confirm the request.

Technical Schools

Admission Requirements:

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ Placement Test
- ✓ Criminal Background Check (select programs)

Technical Schools

Application Procedure:

- Log onto the tech college's website and access their online application <http://www.wistechcolleges.org/>
- If you need a paper copy you can request it from the institution
- Fill out your application
- See your counselor when you have finished and submitted the application
- Log in to Career Cruising and request your transcript be sent
- Mrs. Taylor will send your transcript via Career Cruising and mail any other documents (fee(s), ACT scores, etc.)

Think about what you're looking for in a college

- ❖ Public or private?
 - ❖ In-state or out-of-state?
 - ❖ What Majors/programs are offered?
 - ❖ Enrollment?
 - ❖ Location (urban, rural, etc.)?
 - ❖ Student life?
- ✓ Look at the admission requirements and see if you're a good fit
 - ✓ Visit the schools you're interested in and take campus tours
 - ✓ Check out our College Visit/ Research Questions Form available in the SCO

Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities


Not sure where to apply?

- ✓ Do some research online
 - ✓ <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/> - (UW-System)
 - ✓ <http://privatecollegezone.org/home.aspx> - (Wisconsin Private Colleges/Universities)
 - ✓ <https://sso.careercruising.com/page/openidconnect>
 - ✓ <http://www.collegeview.com/collegesearch/index.jsp>
 - ✓ <http://www.collegedata.com/>

Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities

Admission Requirements:

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ Challenging high school curriculum-Rigor of the courses taken
- ✓ Most schools will require the following (minimum requirements):
 - ✓ 4 Years of English, 3 years of Mathematics, 3 Years of Science, 3 Years of Social Studies, and additional electives (e.g., foreign language)
 - ✓ Competitive schools will have additional requirements

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- ✓ Minimum ACT/SAT scores
 - ✓ ACT – <http://www.actstudent.org>
 - ✓ Upcoming test dates: October 28th, December 9th
 - ✓ Check out if college/university requires ACT Plus Writing
 - ✓ www.actstudent.org/writing
 - ✓ SAT – <http://www.collegeboard.com>
 - ✓ Minimum GPA/class rank
 - ✓ Check out the Profile of Admitted Students in the UW Guide Book

Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities


Application Procedure:

- Log onto the college/university's website to access their online application

UW-System application can be found at <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>

Common application can be found at <https://apply.commonapp.org/createdaccount>

Fill out the application online (preferred) or request a paper copy from the institution

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- Log in to Career Cruising and request your transcript be sent
 - Verify that your ACT scores have been sent to the school you are applying to
 - ✓ If not, we will make a photocopy of your score report if the school accepts unofficial copies. If the school needs an official copy access ACT at <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores.html> to have scores sent
 - Bring in any additional materials such as the counselor form for the application (usually some private schools), letters of recommendation, fees and fill out a pink form in the school counseling office. Requirements vary by school.
 - ✓ It is best to send these letters along with the rest of the application materials rather than separately

Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities

Please Note:

- ✓ The School Counseling Office will mail out all application materials that students initially give us or request from us (e.g., counselor forms, transcripts, ACT scores, letters of recommendation, etc.)
- ✓ If students forget to include any pieces of their application (e.g., letters of recommendation) and later need them sent, we will provide the student with an addressed envelope, but he/she will be responsible for paying the postage



Application Timeline

- ▶ September/October application season
- ▶ Be applied somewhere by Thanksgiving
- ▶ Once accepted make sure you stay in contact with the school-check your school e-mail account frequently
- ▶ File for FAFSA in October (Info on later slides)
- ▶ Work on Scholarships throughout the year (very popular in fall and spring)
- ▶ Spring-Placement testing, and finalize housing and other school details

Reasons to Apply Early

- No-brainer: When students apply earlier, they typically know their admissions decisions earlier.
- Some campuses use the application for admission as part of their scholarship-awarding process. Apply for admission while there's still money left.
- On-campus housing spaces are typically offered to students in the order that they were admitted.
- Students who are admitted early are likely to receive more options for the campus's summer orientation/registration program.
- Students who know that they're admitted to their campus of choice can focus on enjoying their senior year and finishing strong

Letters of Recommendation

- ▶ Not everyone needs one
- ▶ Bubble kid example or if it is explicitly required by a school or for a scholarship (Madison does now require one)
- ▶ Always request letters in person, give teachers adequate time to write the letter (2-3 weeks), fill out the Personal College Profile in Career Cruising and e-mail it to teachers AFTER you have kindly requested the letter in person.
- ▶ Make sure to write a thank you note.
- ▶ No more than 3 letters are needed (1-2 well written letters will suffice)
- ▶ Should be from a core area teacher (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- ▶ If you are applying to a specialized program (i.e. if you are applying to an art school, then a letter from an art teacher would be appropriate)



How Will I
Afford It?

Financial Aid

- ✓ Students can apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting October 1st of 2017 (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)
- ✓ Types of financial aid:
 - Grants
 - Work Study
 - Loans
 - ✓ Perkins Loans
 - ✓ Stafford Loans
 - ✓ PLUS Loans
- ✓ It's important to apply as early as you can, as colleges/universities only have a certain amount of money to work with each year
- ✓ Other helpful websites:
 - ✓ <http://www.finaid.org>



Financial Aid Info

Starting with the 2017–18 application cycle, the following changes were put in place:

- ▶ **Students will be able to submit a FAFSA[®] earlier.** Students will be able to file a 2018–19 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2017, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2018. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.

Financial Aid Recommended Filing Dates for New Freshmen Submitting the FAFSA for Fall 2018-UW Schools

Campus Priority Date:

UW Colleges February 1, 2018
UW-Eau Claire March 1, 2018 (for incoming freshman)
UW-Green Bay January 15, 2018
UW-La Crosse February 1, 2018
UW-Madison December 1, 2017
UW-Milwaukee February 1, 2018
UW-Oshkosh December 15, 2017
UW-Parkside April 15, 2018
UW-Platteville February 1, 2018
UW-River Falls February 1, 2018
UW-Stevens Point March 15, 2018
UW-Stout February 1, 2018
UW-Superior January 15, 2018
UW-Whitewater January 1, 2018



Net-Price Calculator

- ▶ The Net Price Calculator is a tool that you can use to estimate your “net price” to attend a particular college or university. Net price is the difference between the “sticker” price (full cost) to attend a specific college, minus any grants and scholarships for which you may be eligible. Sticker price includes direct charges (tuition and fees, room and board) and indirect costs (books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses).

Scholarships

Five best places to look for scholarships:

- ✓ Online

- ✓ <http://www.fastweb.com>

- ✓ <http://www.scholarships.com>

- ✓ http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

- ✓ Beware of sites that charge a fee for the scholarship search process or that guarantee scholarships

- ✓ Germantown Community Scholarship Program

- ✓ <http://www.germantownscholarship.org/>

- ✓ Applications become available in early March of senior year

- ✓ Germantown High School Website

- ✓ http://www.germantownschools.org/schools/high/scholarship_info.cfm

- ✓ Check for specific scholarships at the schools where you are applying

- ✓ Check with Parents' /Guardians' Employers



College Level Examination Program (CLEP)


- ▶ CLEP is another way to earn college credit for content you already know
- ▶ Exams are conducted through the College Board (same people as AP)
- ▶ CLEP exams are different than AP exams
- ▶ Over 33 subject exams are offered (check with your college for which subjects they may offer/accept)
- ▶ 2,900 colleges, technical colleges and universities accept credit with CLEP
- ▶ Cost is \$80 per class
- ▶ CLEP exams can be taken before and/or after you begin college level coursework
- ▶ <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>

Announcements

- ✓ Listen to Announcements
 - ✓ Critical information will be communicated through announcements
 - ✓ College visits, military representatives, special program guests
 - ✓ Graduation information
 - ✓ Lots of other important information
 - ✓ Access the resources in Career Cruising!



Making Schedule Changes

- ▶ Students must ask for permission from the admissions office to make changes to their schedules
 - ▶ If students send a final transcript different from the transcript that they sent when they initially applied, the College/University can rescind their admission
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Questions?