

# COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY

vs

# TRADE SCHOOL

## A LOOK AT TWO POST SECONDARY OPTIONS

### FOCUS

**University and College** focus on fields of academics all over. Students would still continue to take standard educational classes (maths, english, and other humanities. Students also get to choose a major, and then expand within that major when looking for future career options.

**Trade School** focuses on technical skills such as welding, electrical, culiaries, and other areas that focus on skill and hands on work.. The schools allows students to dive deep into a specific area and get proper work experience through labs, workshops, and other physical, engaging oppertunities.

### TIMELINE

**University and College** can have a different timeline for students based on what degree they are seeking. An Associates degree is typically two years of college, while a bachelors is four. Students can take their education a step further and attend further schools for masters and doctorates.

**Trade School** tends to last anywhere between several months - two years depending on the focus students intend to do.. Students do not earn a typical degree, but rather a certificate or license within their field This will help them advance in their future, but may lack the career variety of a degrees

### APPLICATIONS

**University and College** will typically ask for high school transcripts (aka your final grades). Most schools will eaiter require, or highly reccomend submitting SAT/ACT scores, letters of reccomendation, and so on. Many schools often have deadlines for applications, such as EA, ED, RA.

**Trade School** often has a more laid back admissions process, The most they will need is a high school diploma, as they care less about exact gardes. They don't typically require any SAT/ACT scores, letters of rec, or most additional information. Addmissions often tend to be rolling, as well..

### COST

**University and College** tends to cost anywhere between \$9,800 for one year of in state tuition. That adds up over time, and doesn't include all the additional fees a student may need to pay such as housing, textbooks, and meal plans. This price all depends on the college itself.

**Trade School** tends to cost significantly less then college and university will. and can range anywhere from \$3,800-\$16,000 in tuition, including all fees. Again, this will vary by school, but it is typically the cheaper option out of the two.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

AM I INTERESTED IN ANY TRADES?

WOULD I RATHER DO HANDS ON WORK?

HOW LONG TO I WANT TO ATTEND POST A  
POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITY?

WHAT PRICE IS RIGHT FOR ME?