# **Career Connected Learning**

# Your Path After High School

# LEARN ABOUT CHOOSING THE PATHWAY FOR YOU

There are many paths that you can choose to take after high school.



Think about the reality that careers don't always follow a direct path; we learn throughout our lives. For example, you may decide to choose to start out at community college, gain work experience and then return to post-secondary to enter a university program. Some students complete a university degree and return to community college for a technical certificate.

### **HELPFUL LINKS**

#### Not sure what type of post-secondary educational institution might be right for you?

The guide for planning for post-secondary study may help answer your questions.

#### What is a gap year?

A <u>gap year</u> is a break after high school. It is a time away from normal routine, for you to experience person growth through volunteerism, travel, and work.

Gap year possibilities include:

- <u>Canada World Youth</u>
- <u>CUSO International</u>
- Latitude Global
- Canadian Gap Year Association
- Volunteer Overseas

- GAP Year Ideas
- Working Abroad
- Work & Travel Abroad
- Global Affairs Canada
- Discover Year

#### What are my options if I join the military?

Experience unique adventures, stimulating challenges, rewarding friendships and the chance to see and shape the world while serving your country. The many <u>career options in the Canadian Armed Forces</u> will leave you uniquely positioned to excel at any job, no matter where your career path leads you.

## TWO OPTIONS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

#### Adult High School Diploma

- Did you leave school without your high school diploma?
- Have you continued your studies since leaving school?
- Have you completed apprenticeship training, community college or university courses, or workplace training?
- Do you sometimes wish you could apply now for your high school diploma?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, this certification service can help you. The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Training can <u>help you receive recognition</u> for the level of academic education that you have acquired. Check out the <u>brochure</u>!

#### **General Education Development (GED) – Certification**

- Did you leave school without your high school diploma?
- Are you at least nineteen years of age?
- Are you no longer enrolled in public school?

If you answer yes to <u>all</u> of these questions, the <u>General Educational Development (GED) program</u> might be for you. The GED program is a series of five tests in the core high school curriculum areas of Language Arts-Writing, Language Arts-Reading, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics. Those who successfully complete all five tests will be awarded a GED High School Equivalency Diploma.