

Career Pathways

There are four possible career pathways after high school.



Apprenticeship

You go through years of paid training to become a journey person in a specific trade.

College

You gain a diploma and often learn applicable skills.

University

You gain a degree and often learn theoretical knowledge.

Workplace

You go from high school into the world of work.

Pros

Cons

Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn: you can make money during your education and be eligible for a \$2000-\$4000 grant available to apprentices.

Practical work experience: you get to experience the actual career during your education.

There is a need in Grand Erie for skilled tradespeople.

You have to find an employer who will take you on as an apprentice.

College

A college diploma is usually cheaper and requires less time than a university degree.

You gain practical knowledge.

It prepares you for specific job areas.

Some jobs may require a university degree.

University

University grads generally make the most money over an entire lifetime.

Many jobs require a university degree.

Gain theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills.

Usually the most expensive option; many students go into debt.

Workplace

No need to pay for tuition, so you can save more money.

Can go for more education/training at any time.

Gain valuable work experience and become familiar with what you like and dislike in a career.

You may be underqualified for many jobs.

