

## TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Often, when someone says they are planning for college, they merely mean they expect to continue their formal education at some sort of post-secondary institution. That institution may be a college or university, a junior college, a community college, a vocational-technical school, or a specialized institute.

**COLLEGE:** *An institution of higher education that offers a curriculum leading to a four-year bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree.*

**UNIVERSITY:** *A university usually has a liberal arts college as well as several specialized colleges and graduate programs in such fields as business, engineering, agriculture, law and medicine.*

**LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE:** *Four-year institution which emphasizes a program of broad undergraduate education. It offers exposure to science, history, philosophy, poetry, music and art. Pre-professional and professional training may be available but not stressed.*

**JUNIOR COLLEGE/COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** *Generally a transfer institution which provides courses to parallel the freshman and sophomore offerings at four-year colleges and universities. In addition to transfer programs, community colleges may offer associate degree programs and career-oriented certificate programs for students primarily concerned with finding a job.*

**ENGINEERING OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE:** *Independent professional schools which provide four or five-year training programs in the fields of engineering and the physical sciences. They are often known as Institutes of Technology or Polytechnic Institutes.*

**NURSING SCHOOL:** *There are two kinds of nursing schools. At schools affiliated with hospitals, students receive R.N. degrees upon completion of their training. At schools affiliated with four-year colleges, students receive both a B.S. degree and an R.N. degree and have possibilities of entering the field of nursing administration.*

**MILITARY SCHOOL:** *Federal military academies prepare officers for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. These institutions (West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy) require recommendation and appointment by members of Congress. Private and state supported military institutes and the Coast Guard Academy, however, operate on a college application process. They all offer degree programs in engineering and technology with concentration in various aspects of military science.*

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