

## Prerequisites:

- None

## Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is for students to feel more informed on all the available career and college training options prior to selecting a college major or program. With this knowledge, students will better understand the college academic planning process, including course plans for certificates, diplomas, associate's degrees, and bachelor's degrees. Students will also understand how to compare degrees and programs prior to choosing a pathway.

## What should students learn from the lesson?

- Students will be knowledgeable in all training/education options beyond high school.
- Students will be able to understand the importance of the college academic planning process.
- Students will understand how to connect programs of study to inventory and career assessment results
- Students will understand how to read and compare programs of study at different institutions and the importance of utilizing their academic advisor.

## What is the in-class activity?

- Students will research the fastest growing careers using the BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook.
- Students will compare similar programs at a community college and a 4-year institution to better understand what options best suit them academically and financially, to meet their career goals.

## What is the takeaway for students?

Students will have a foundational understanding of the college academic planning process. Students will know the steps to comparing and choosing a major/degree that fits their career and financial goals.

## Materials Needed:

- PowerPoint/ Projector
- Pencil
- Handouts
- Student laptop or device