



# Exploring Post- Secondary Options

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# What are your options?



- College
- Gap Year
- Joining the Military
- Entering the workforce

# College

- Traditional 4-year schools
  - Bachelor's Degree
    - George Mason, Virginia Tech, James Madison
- Community College or Trade schools
  - Typically 2 year program
  - A.A. vs A.A.S
    - AA - Associates Degree
      - if you want to transfer
      - 60 credits
    - AAS - Associates of Applied Arts or Applied Science
      - Get you to the workforce
      - 60-69 credits
  - Certificate Program
    - 30 credits (specialization/credential)

# Gap Year

- Internships/Work
- Volunteer
- Travel
- Programs

# Gap Year Programs

- What is a gap year?
- USA Gap Year Fair each year in February
- Colleges & Universities with Gap year Programs
  - Princeton University: Bridge Year program for a percentage of their incoming freshmen class each year; they fund most of this 9 months of international service work and cultural immersion.
  - Tufts University: 1+4 program
  - Harvard University:
  - University of North Carolina: students get \$7500 toward their gap year
  - American University

# Gap Year Resources



- <http://www.interimprograms.com/>
- <https://usagapyearfairs.org/>
- <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps>
- <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Check out the list on the WL website

# Military Service

*U.S. Air National Guard*

*U.S. Army*

*U.S. Army Reserve*

*U.S. Army National Guard*

*U.S. Coast Guard*



*U.S. Coast Guard Reserve*

*U.S. Marine Corps*

*U.S. Marine Corps Reserve*

*U.S. Navy*

*U.S. Navy Reserve*

Accounting, Budget and Finance

Aviation

Business Administration and Operations

Combat Operations

Communications Equipment Technicians

Engineering and Scientific Research

Health Care Practitioners

Information Technology, Computer Science and Mathematics

Intelligence

Cyber Security

# Military Career Fields

International Relations, Linguistics and Other Social Sciences

Law Enforcement, Security and Protective Services

Legal Professions and Support Services

Medical and Clinical Technicians



And more...





# Military Career Paths

## Enlistment

**Step 1: Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**

**Step 2: Pass the physical examination**

**Step 3: Meet with a military counselor and determine career field**

**Step 4: Take the Oath of Enlistment**

## Officer Commission

**Option 1: Attend a Senior Military College of Academy**

**Option 2: Enroll at a traditional college or university with a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.**

**Option 3: Attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) after graduating from college**

**Option 4: Receive a direct commission after earning a professional degree**



# Workforce

- Arlington Employment Center
- Job Corps
- Apprenticeships
- Arlington Teen Expo
  - Wakefield, April 21st; 11am-1pm