

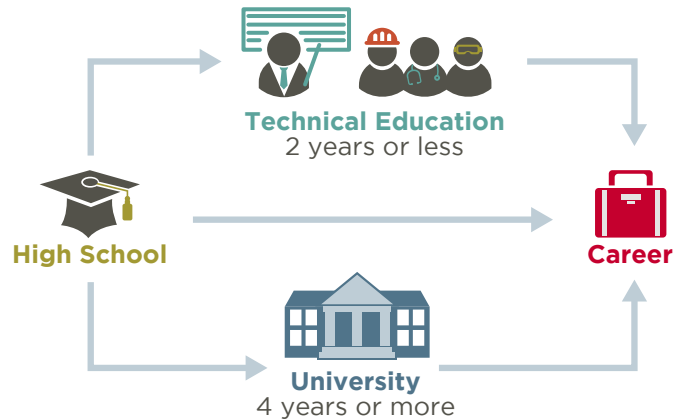
WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

There are many paths to building a successful career.

Your **course of study** influences your career as much or more than the **number of years** you spend in school.

A **certificate program** or a **two-year degree**:

- Leads to a compelling and **REWARDING CAREER**.
- Offers **SALARIES** that **RIVAL OR SURPASS** those with a bachelor's degree.
- Allows you to comfortably **SUPPORT A FAMILY** and **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**.



PROJECTED SALARY

Individuals with some post-secondary education or a two-year degree **EARN MORE THAN 25% MORE** than those with only a high school education.



- You are more likely to see the wage benefit of more education in Houston than in most other major cities.

Half of careers requiring more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree **PAY MORE THAN \$45,000** a year.

- Several occupations pay at least **\$70,000**.

PRICE OF EDUCATION IN TEXAS

Average yearly tuition and fees of a **two-year degree: \$9,886**

Average yearly tuition and fees of a **bachelor's degree: \$13,107**

JOB SECURITY AND SATISFACTION

Two-year degrees lead to careers that offer advancement in **responsibility, authority, and salary**, along with **transferable skills** that can last a lifetime.



Nearly **1 MILLION HIGH-PAYING CAREERS** in Houston can be attained with 2 years of education or even less.

On average, **two-year degree graduates** are:

- More likely to be **INTERESTED AND INVOLVED** in their work.
- More likely to think that they have the **IDEAL JOB**.
- Just as likely to strongly agree that their education was **WORTH THE COST**.