

## **Educational Options**

State Universities	Doctorate Degree Master's Degree Bachelor's Degree	Independent (Private) Colleges/Universities
Community Colleges	Associate's Degree Certificate	Technical Colleges
	High School Diploma	

G.E.D.

Doctorate Degree/ Professional Degree	Master's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree PLUS advanced graduate courses in specialized area. Units vary depending on field of study. Usually referred to as Ph.D. or Ed.D. (Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education). Normally requires three to five additional years of full-time work AFTER completion of Master's Degree.	<b>Bachelor's Degree PLUS graduate</b> <b>courses in specialized area.</b> Usually referred to as M.S. or M.A. (Master of Science or Arts). Normally requires two additional years of full-time work AFTER completion of Bachelor's Degree.	Major Courses PLUS General Education and Minor or Electives, 124–132 total units required. Usually referred to as B.S. or B.A. (Bachelor of Science or Arts). Normally requires four years of full-time work. You may complete the first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year university.
Careers That Require a Doctorate Degree:	Careers That Require a Master's Degree:	Careers That Require a Bachelor's Degree:

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Associate's Degree	Certificate
Major Courses PLUS General Education Courses and Electives, 60 units required. Usually referred to as A.A. or A.S. (Associate of Arts or Science). Normally requires two years or four semesters of full-time work. Offered by community colleges and some four-year universities.	Major Courses Only. Number of units required varies. A series of special major courses, all related to a particular occupational skill. Sole objective is immediate employment. Offered by community colleges and private educational organizations.
Careers That Require an Associate's Degree:	Careers That Require a Certificate:

