MyFutureVT

Exploring Career & Education Pathways with MyFutureVT

VSAC College and Career Pathways 2023

Tom Cheney, Executive Director (he/him)
You are a part of something big
70x2025

“It shall be the goal of the State of Vermont that not less than 70 percent of working age Vermonters will hold a credential of value, as defined by the State Workforce Development Board, by the year 2025”

– Act 80 of 2019
Hold On...Why Do I Need Ed/Training?

→ More Job Opportunities – 72% of high-pay, high-demand jobs need a credential

→ Money, $$, Money – we’re talking thousands more per year

→ Invest in Yourself – Dreams are real so chase after them
Define Your Own Success

There’s no “right way” to approach your life
There’s no “right way” to approach your education and career
You have options.

“Define success on your own terms. Achieve it by your own rules, and build a life you're proud to live.”

ANNE SWEENEY
Education and Training Pathways
Many Paths to Reach Your Goals

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL

APPRENTICESHIP
CERTIFICATE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE
BACHELOR’S DEGREE

CAREER

ADVANCED DEGREES
Master’s, Professional, Doctoral
Certificate

Build your foundation.

Few months - 2 years
Cost: $

CERTIFICATE
Apprenticeship

Registered Apprenticeship

1-2 Years
No Cost & Get Paid for Work

Learn on the job.
Associate Degree

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

A shorter, focused degree.

2 years
Cost: $$$
Bachelor's Degree

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

4 years
Cost: $$$

The traditional college degree.
No Need to Pick Just One: Stack Them!

Build depth and breath of knowledge

Horizontal

Hybrid

Vertical
No Need to Pick Just One: Stack Them!
Vermont’s free one-stop shop for education and career resources.
3 Entry Points.

Every user will have different goals. Our hope is to meet them where they are.
Home Page

Your Path. Your Future.
Welcome to your free online resource to help you take the next step in your education and career journey.
Home Page

What is MyFutureVT?
There is a pathway for you, and MyFutureVT is here to help you find it. Learn more about this website and who has helped make it possible.

LEARN MORE

Step-By-Step Guides
Just getting started? Great!
We created step-by-step guides to help you navigate taking the next step in your education and training or career journey.

GET STARTED

Stories and Tips
Looking for more information on certain topics to help guide your career and education journey? Check out our blog for helpful tips and stories of real Vermonters.

VIEW OUR BLOG

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Blog

Discover tips and stories to help with your job search, education exploration, and more.

Becoming a CNC operator

Daryl shares his journey to becoming a CNC operator at Vermont Precision Tools in Swanton, Vermont.

Discovering Vermont's Most Promising Jobs

When a job is high-pay, high-demand, you are more likely to have a stable and reliable source of income.

CAREER CHANGE, CAREER PATHWAYS, REAL VERMONTERS

Getting Ready for a Job Fair

1. Think about your
Using MyFutureVT to Explore Careers

1. Discover your interests
JUMP TO: Career Interest Profiler | Personality Profiler

We all have different strengths and interests. Knowing yours can help you start planning your future.

These quizzes should be used only as a starting point. Personal career help is also available in Vermont.

Career Interests

What type of work would you like to do?

Rate your interest in different job tasks with the O*Net Interest Profiler. This quiz will tell you how your answers match with six job categories.

The categories are: realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising, and conventional. Learn more about these categories, here.

Estimated time: 10-15 minutes.
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Explore careers that match your interests
Accountants and Auditors

- Median Wage: $33
- Projected Openings: 2540

Actors

- Median Wage: $23
- Projected Openings: 42

Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders

- Median Wage: $18
- Projected Openings: 40
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Learn more about careers
Accountants and Auditors

HIGH PAY, HIGH DEMAND

Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data.

Skills Required

Are you organized and like structure and detail-oriented tasks?

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Mathematics
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Writing

Conventional - for organized people who like structure and detail-oriented work
Minimum Level of Education Required
Bachelor’s Degree

There are multiple education and training pathways to prepare for this career. In addition to credentials, employer sponsored training, on-the-job training, and other types of experience can help you get the skills and knowledge you need to be successful.

Education & Training Programs in Vermont

- Economic Crime Investigation | Bachelor’s Degree | Champlain College
- Forensic Accounting | Certificate | Champlain College
- Cost Accounting | Certificate | Champlain College
- Accounting | Bachelor’s Degree | Champlain College
- Accounting | Associate Degree | Champlain College

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1. Identify your goals

What kind of training or credential do you need to move closer to your target career?

How can an education or training program best fit into your life?
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2 Learn about pathways
From apprenticeships to degree programs and on-the-job training to certificate programs, there’s bound to be an education or training program that works for you and gets you one step closer to your goals.
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3. Explore programs
Vermont’s Education and Training Programs

All of Vermont’s most promising careers require education or training after high school, and everything from a certificate to a master’s degree can take you one step closer toward your goals.

Use the filters to sort by what type of credential it is, which occupations and industries it leads to, how much it costs (remember — most students do not pay the sticker price), and more.

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Accounting | Certificate
Champlain College

Description

Whether students have already earned an undergraduate degree or are currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree, an accounting certificate is a great way to earn a credential in the field, get one’s resume noticed, and demonstrate proficiency in a focused area of knowledge. Designed for those interested in beginning the study of accounting and obtaining entry-level accounting positions, Champlain’s online accounting certificate provides a comprehensive introduction to the field. All courses in this certificate program are directly transferable to our online accounting associate degree and online accounting bachelor’s degree.

Cost

Total Cost $5,088

Financial Assistance

Grants & Scholarships
Cost should never be a barrier to higher education. Don’t let a lack of funds prevent you from achieving your goals: Champlain College is committed to helping you find...
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4. Try to not get overwhelmed by cost
Consider How to Pay for Education and Training

### Ways to Pay for Your Education and Training

Grants and scholarships are available to lower the amount of your own money you need to spend on education and training. Loans can help by providing you cash up front to cover your payments. Most people who attend an education and training program after high school use a combination of these financial aid options.

Scan through the resources below for some financial aid 101. [Head over to VSAC for a deep dive](#).
Free Money: New Aid for the 2022-23 School Year

There has never been a better time to be a student in Vermont.

Thanks to the State of Vermont and philanthropic donors, there is more aid than ever to help you reach your goals. Whether you are looking for a short-term certificate, an associate degree, or bachelor’s degree, check out these incredible opportunities at Vermont’s career and technical centers, and public colleges and universities. But do it now – with some programs, this money is limited and sure to go quickly!

These new aid offerings are just the beginning. There are many other financial aid opportunities available to help fund your education and training, including state and federal grants (free money!).

Details for some additional state-funded aid programs have yet to be announced. Follow Advance Vermont on Facebook and Twitter and check back here for updates. Until then, here is what you need to know.

Career Targeted Workforce Development Aid

The State of Vermont and VSAC are partnering provide millions of dollars of aid to Vermonter’s to help address our state’s workforce challenge. Grants and interest-free forgivable loans will go to support eligible students pursuing careers in in-demand fields like early childhood education, mental health care, nursing, skilled trades and beyond. While some programs may sound familiar, others are brand new. All programs have the potential to be game changers for Vermonters seeking education and training after high school.
Using MyFutureVT to Access Support Services

Need some help using MyFutureVT?
Follow our step-by-step guides to help you explore your education and career options.

Looking to talk to a living, breathing person?
Connect with a free education or career counselor today.

Interested in finding services and programs designed just for you?
Explore our list of supports based on who you are and what you need.
Welcome! This page is all about you, high school, and what comes after. You have so many options in front of you. For sure that can be scary. It’s also exciting because choosing what you want to do in and after high school can be one of the first big steps you can take that is up to you. Your life, your choice. Take your time and scope out your options. Everything on this page is relevant to where you are in life so see what jumps out at you.

**So What’s Next After Graduation?**

We’re going to pitch you on continuing your education and training. Pretty hard. And here’s why: finding an education and training path can open you up to all kinds of opportunities in your career and personal life. If your goal is to chase your dreams, education and training after high school will get you the skills you need to make it happen. If your goal is to buy the latest and greatest gadgets or vehicles, education and training will help you get hired in a high-paying job. Your path will be winding, and you can start out by getting a job and then enrolling in a program. Your education and training will always be here when you’re ready for it.

*If you’re not sure you’re going to graduate from high school, check out these options.*
Education and Career Services

It can be hard to find the people, resources, and help you need to figure out your next steps. You can think of this page as your personal Google results. Sort this collection of resources by who you are and what type of help you are looking for.

This page is a work in progress. We bet there are programs or supports that you know of in your local area that should be on this page. Please fill out this short survey to share your resources so we can include them here.
Education and Outreach Counselors
Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

A VSAC Education and Outreach Counselor can offer you advice on your education and training options as you prepare for your future. Education and outreach counselors offer the following to people all across the state:

- Making decisions about your career
- Planning for your education and training
- Choosing a college or technical center
- Financial aid

Learn more or talk to a VSAC counselor today.

Location
Statewide

Focus
Education and Training
Career

Designed for
Adults
High School Students
In or Formerly in Foster Care
Involved with the Justice System
Living with Disability
Mature Workers
Parents
Veterans
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Thank you. Any questions?

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