Dual enrollment programs allow you to start college for FREE while you’re in high school! Talk to your school counselor and check out programs at Vermont’s public and private colleges: https://education.vermont.gov/student-learning/flexible-pathways/dual-enrollment.

The Fast Forward program at Community College of Vermont: http://gotocollegevt.org/start-college-in-high-school/fast-forward

the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST) at Vermont Technical College: www.vtc.edu/academics/vermont-academy-science-technology-vast

Want to rock a turntable for a living, or work in a food lab inventing new chocolate cereals? With literally hundreds of schools and programs out there, there’s sure to be one that interests you. And there’s always a way to get there!
With 6 years of study (a master’s degree and a license), you can become a nurse practitioner (who can prescribe medications) and earn more than $55 an hour (about $111,580 a year).

With 4 years of study (a bachelor’s degree and a license), you can become a registered nurse and earn around $35.24 an hour (about $73,300 a year).

With 2 years of study (an associate’s degree), you can become a licensed practical nurse and earn about $22.80 an hour (about $47,480 a year).

With 2 years of study (an associate’s degree), you can become a nurse’s aid or an orderly and earn about $14.25 an hour (about $29,640 a year).

With 7 years of study (a master’s degree and a 3-year law degree), you can become an attorney and earn about $59 an hour (almost $122,960 a year).

With 2-3 years of study (an associate’s degree and a license), you can become a court reporter and earn almost $29 an hour (about $60,130 a year).

With 2 years of study (an associate’s degree), you can become a paralegal or legal assistant and earn more than $24 an hour (about $51,740 a year).

explore other paths Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/ooh/a-z-index.htm) to compare the following pairs of jobs.

dental assistant or dental hygienist
master plumber or journeyman plumber
electro-mechanical technician or electronic engineering technician
dietician or food service manager
bookkeeper or auditor
hairdresser or theatrical makeup artist
librarian or library technician
veterinary technician or veterinary technologist

1. Which one do you think makes more money?
2. What do you think may account for the difference in pay?
3. Out of each pair, which job would you prefer to have?