



COLLEGE NOT YOUR THING? THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS...



On-The-Job Training

- ◆ Learn the required skills and gain experience while getting paid!
- ◆ Consider jobs that offer health benefits and a retirement plan.
- ◆ Check out available [internships](#) and [apprenticeships](#).
- ◆ Explore the option of going to school *while* working.
- ◆ Start earning and saving money.

Military Careers

- ◆ Serve the country while learning new skills. Check out: www.vacareerview.org/18plus/Service/military or go to www.vacareerview.org and click on 18+ then select Military under Additional Resources for 18+.
- ◆ Go to school during/after serving: the military may pay up to \$49,000 in education benefits!
- ◆ Travel the world.
- ◆ Gain advanced technical and specialty training skills.
- ◆ Enjoy 30 days of vacation a year.
- ◆ Receive benefits, housing and a pension at no

Community College/Technical School

- ◆ Consider earning an Associates degree by enrolling in a 2-year program. Check out: www.vacareerview.org/18plus/school-411/school-search or go to www.vacareerview.org and click on 18+ then click School Search.
- ◆ Tuition:
 - VA resident- \$100/credit hour
 - Out of state resident- \$282.10/credit hour
- ◆ Gain work experience through internships/apprenticeships while in school.
- ◆ Earn credits that can be applied to a 4-year school curriculum through The Guaranteed Admissions Agreements.
- ◆ Gain specialty skills and certifications, such as an Associate of Applied Science degree, a Diploma in Construction Trades or an ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Certification.
- ◆ Admission only requires a high school diploma.
- ◆ Get a career started in two years with an associate's degree.

Travel/Volunteer

- ◆ Learn about pursuing a STOPOUT YEAR after high school. Check out: www.vacareerview.org/resources/pdf/career%20focus/Stopout_Year_Options.pdf or go to the website and click on 18+ then click on One Page Info to Print and Go! Then click on Stopout Year Options.
- ◆ Consider joining the [Peace Corps](http://www.peacecorps.gov). Visit www.peacecorps.gov for more information.
- ◆ Think about volunteering abroad through [Global Volunteers](http://www.globalvolunteers.org). Visit www.globalvolunteers.org for more information.