

FACT SHEET

- **A-G Requirements:** Classes required to attend a University of California, California State University and many private colleges in California straight out of high school. Classes must be passed with C or better. Note: these are different than high school graduation requirements.
- **General Education:** classes that introduce students to a variety of disciplines which build a common foundation of knowledge.
- **Transferring:** the process of completing the 1st half of bachelor's degree at a community college and completing the 2nd half at university/"4-year" college.
- **Advanced Degrees:** Some careers require education beyond a Bachelor's degree. Make sure to do your research about the field of study you are interested in!

If you do not know which path to choose, speak with your counselor or college and career center specialist to ask for help!

Our Students

100%

Low-income backgrounds

89%

Black, Indigenous, Latinx and people of color

85%

First generation to attend college



At 10,000 Degrees, we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to achieve their post-secondary educational goals and the first step towards this is knowing all of your options. Deciding what your next step after high school is can be intimidating to figure out. This informational tool will help you understand the different college pathways you can take after graduation. We also encourage you to use this pamphlet as a conversational tool with your family, as you come to your decision.

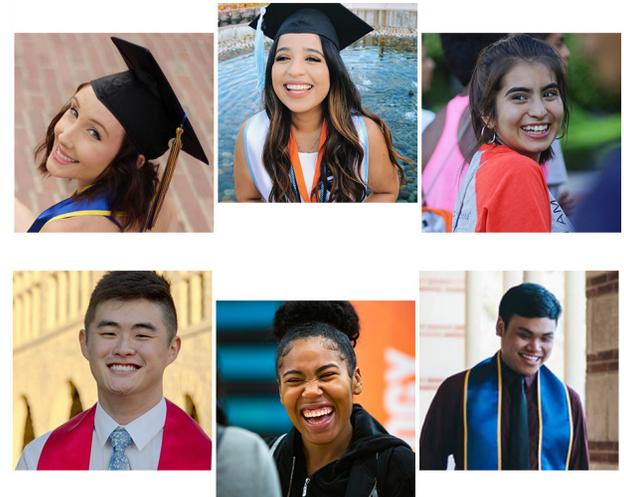
Good luck in your planning BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL! If you need any help, please contact 10,000 Degrees with any questions.

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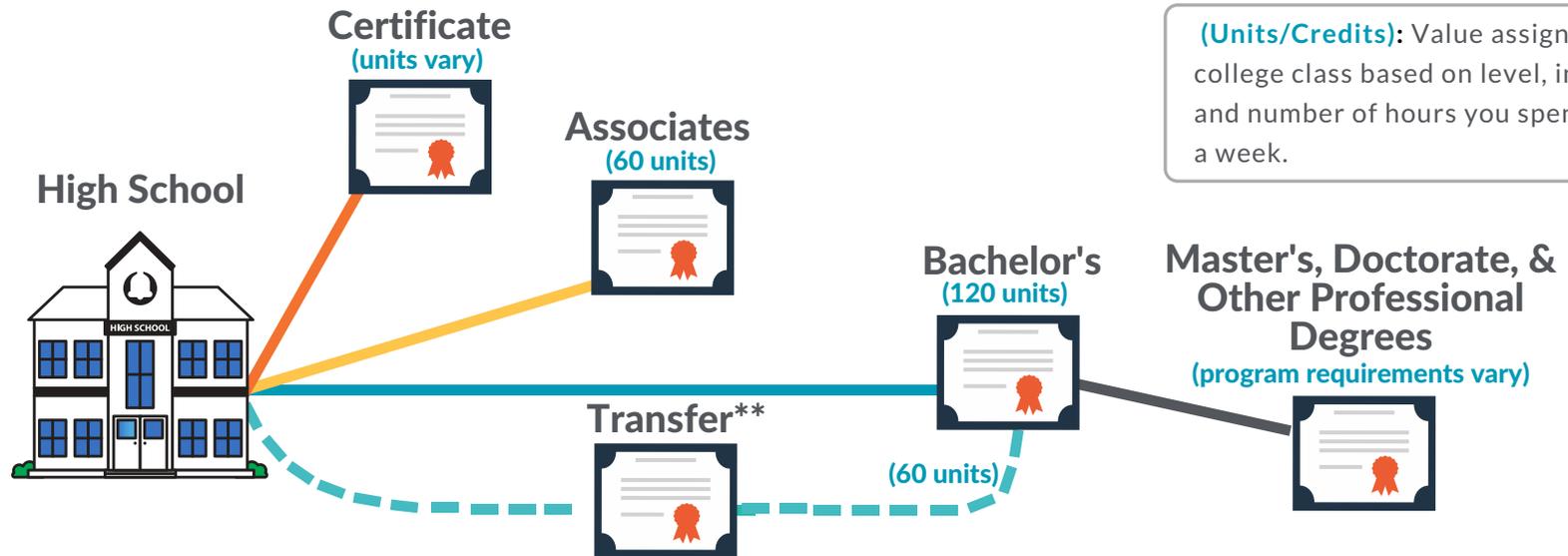
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Beyond High School

WHAT ARE MY COLLEGE OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?



BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL



CERTIFICATE

Development of technical or skills with certification and no general education required. Usually job specific like automotive technology, dental assisting, multimedia studies, etc.

Units: vary

Where: Community college, vocational schools, and some “4-year” colleges.

Requirements:

- Applying to institution or program
- Other requirements depending on the program

ASSOCIATES

Degree awarded after completing courses in a chosen vocational field and general education

Units: 60

Where: Community college

Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Applying to community college

**** Associates Degree of Transfer:**
Degree specifically designed to transfer to a 4-year school to obtain Bachelor Degree.

BACHELORS

Degree awarded after completing course work in specialization in a chosen field of study (major) and general education.

Units: 120

Where: “4-year” colleges/university

Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- A-G course requirements

Can lead to **Master's, Doctorate, and other Professional Degrees.**