

# UNDECIDED ABOUT YOUR CAREER PATHWAY?



*Take the first step by using these online resources to identify strengths, potential career paths, and more. The more you know, the easier it will be to start planning your college and career journey.*

## MY NEXT MOVE

Search for careers that match your interests and describe your dream job, browse careers by industry, or take a short survey to find the career that fits your goals.  
[mynextmove.org](http://mynextmove.org)

## TEXAS REALITY CHECK

It's never too early to start planning for the life you want. Use this tool to calculate living expenses and the amount of money you'll need to earn to pay for them.  
[texasrealitycheck.com](http://texasrealitycheck.com)

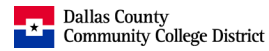
## TEXAS ONCOURSE

Texas students are required to select an endorsement before high school, but how much do you know about where those lead you? Learn more about endorsements and the pathways they offer with tools like MapMyGrad and Middle School Family Guide.  
[texasoncourse.org](http://texasoncourse.org)

Find more resources online at:  
<http://bit.ly/TOC-graduation>



**Dallas County Promise Partners**  
Colleges and universities with majors and pathways for you!



Visit [www.dallascountypromise.org](http://www.dallascountypromise.org) to learn about our tuition-free last-dollar program and additional offers at these colleges and universities.



**DALLAS COUNTY**  
**PROMISE**



# START YOUR COLLEGE & CAREER JOURNEY

with Dallas County Promise

# STUDENT CHECKLIST

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- Start exploring endorsement options and select your classes
  - Finalize your endorsement
  - Start planning for high school and graduation with your school counselor

- 9**
- Take the ACT Explore Test
  - Research colleges and majors that match your career goals/endorsement
  - Create a student resume

- 10**
- Look for SAT and ACT prep courses
  - Visit a college fair
  - Test your preparedness with the PSAT

- 11**
- Study for the SAT and/or ACT
  - Confirm your graduation plans with your school counselor
  - Narrow down the majors you're interested in
  - Attend college tours and/or visit colleges (Online virtual tours count!)

- 12**
- Take the Promise Pledge at [DallasCountyPromise.org](http://DallasCountyPromise.org)
  - Confirm your college application deadlines
  - Complete the FAFSA or TASFA to receive financial aid
  - Apply to college(s) you're interested in
  - Send your high school transcript, FAFSA, and other application materials to the school(s) you applied for
  - Start planning for costs not covered by Promise – books, transportation, housing, etc.
  - Graduate!
  - Enroll in classes by July 31, 2020 (unless noted otherwise)

This is a sample summary of Education Opens Doors' Roadmap to Success Program – to learn more please visit [www.educationopensdoors.org](http://www.educationopensdoors.org)

## THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE YOU EARN

### COLLEGE



### CAREER



College is a choice and option for everyone, but joining the workforce becomes inevitable as an adult. Consider earning a credential—certificate, associate or bachelor's degree—and increase your earning pot.

# CREATE YOUR CAREER STORY



## HEALTHCARE

Kim selected the Public Service endorsement and took classes related to Health Science. Healthcare is a broad field full of opportunities in hospitals, labs, medical offices, and more.



## IT/STEM

Jason selected the STEM endorsement and took Computer Science courses in high schools. He can increase his earning potential with a specialized certification or degree.



## LAW

Beth selected the Public Service endorsement to learn more about law. When she graduates, she can join law enforcement, go to law school, or enter the public sector with a wide range of credential options.



## BUSINESS

Josh is interested in using his Business & Industry endorsement to study accounting. Business is a broad and field, and while he can study accounting, he can qualify for hot jobs and earn more money with additional credentials.



## EDUCATION

Education is a growing field with opportunities for anyone looking to shape our future and impact students. The public service endorsement prepared Chelsea nicely for a teaching position, and she was able to work as an assistant while she finished her degree and certification.



## TRADES

Cameron is interested in construction management and dreams of recreating some of his favorite buildings as the DFW area expands. With his Business & Industry endorsement and a certification or degree, he could achieve that and earn big!



## ARTS

The arts field is an unlimited space for creatives with digital marketing, various forms of design, music, dance, and more. Taylor hosts a web series with her sister and chose the Business & Industry endorsement to learn how to one day create the new YouTube. With a degree in her field of choice, Taylor can follow her passion and lead a creative career.

# HOT JOBS

## EDUCATION REQUIRED

## ENTRY WAGE

<b>Diagnostic Medical Sonographers</b>	Certification	\$28.96
<b>Licensed Practical &amp; Vocational Nurses</b>	Associate Degree	\$19.61
<b>Medical &amp; Health Services Managers</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$36.48
<b>Computer Support Specialist</b>	Associate Degree	\$16.56
<b>Computer Systems Analysts</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$30.55
<b>Software Developers, Applications</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$37.52
<b>Paralegals &amp; Legal Assistants</b>	Associate Degree	\$21.88
<b>Police &amp; Sheriff's Patrol Officers</b>	Certification	\$22.49
<b>First-Line Supervisors of Police &amp; Detectives</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$41.77
<b>Secretaries, Administrative Assistants</b>	H.S. Diploma or GED	\$12.42
<b>Bookkeeping, Accounting, &amp; Auditing Clerks</b>	Certification	\$15.25
<b>Business Operations Specialists, All Other</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$25.31
<b>Teacher Assistants</b>	H.S. Diploma or GED	\$13.30
<b>Fitness Trainers &amp; Aerobic Instructors</b>	Certification	\$14.57
<b>Elementary School Teachers (not Including Special Education)</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$33.67
<b>Bus &amp; Truck Mechanics &amp; Diesel Engine Specialists</b>	Certification	\$16.56
<b>Civil Engineering Technicians</b>	Associate Degree	\$19.46
<b>Construction Manager</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$31.77
<b>Graphic Designer</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$15.90
<b>Technical Writers</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$21.41
<b>Web Developer</b>	Bachelor's Degree	\$24.52

What will be your story?