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Missouri has many educational and training opportunities. Programs vary in length, location, cost, eligibility requirements and career focus – whatever your interest, Missouri has a program or school for you. Use this information as a guide only. Once you’ve found the program, school or military career right for you, search the Internet, visit career centers, network with friends and alumni, and seek out school counselors, career counselors, mentors and teachers.

MISSOURI EDUCATION AND CAREER HOTLINK (MECH)

For a list of educational institutions offering post-secondary education (2 & 4 year public and private schools, technical/professional schools, and private proprietary schools), visit the MECH at:

www.greathires.org/mech/

Program information for each institution is listed by program name, degree type, course length, and cost information as well as an interactive map to the school location and links to each school’s individual website. Occupational career information presented includes wage data and projected employment trends by state and region.

Also included in this site are the following searches:
- Search for institutions by program and city name
- Search for institutions by occupation
- Search by institution name
- Search by program name

Workforce Information by occupation:
- Fastest growing
- Most openings

SCHOOL TYPES

There are seven different types of schools in Missouri:
- Professional/Technical
- Independent two-year
- Independent four-year
- Public two-year
- Public four-year
- Theological
- Proprietary.

For a complete listing of each accredited schools’ programs, go to the Missouri Department of Higher Education website at:

www.dhe.mo.gov/degreesearch.shtml
PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL
These degree and non-degree granting institutions’ programs are designed to prepare students for direct entry into the workforce. Missouri’s professional and technical institutions have a very strong focus on health care—a field with strong growth and excellent prospects.

Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (includes A.T. Still Univ. of Health Sciences)  
800 West Jefferson St.  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
(866) 626-2878 or (660) 626-2121  
http://www.atsu.edu/kcom/

Cleveland Chiropractic College  
6401 Rockhill Road  
Kansas City, MO 64131  
(800) 467-2252 or (816) 501-0100  
http://www.clevelandchiropractic.edu

Barnes Jewish College of Nursing  
306 South Kingshighway Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63110-1090  
(314) 454-7055 or (800) 832-9009  
http://www.barnesjewishcollege.edu

Kansas City Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64111-1820  
(816) 472-4852 or (800) 522-5224  
http://www.kcai.edu

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences  
1750 Independence Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64106-1453  
(816) 283-2000 or (800) 234-4847  
http://www.kcumb.edu

Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
1423 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65802  
(417) 269-3175 or (866) 898-5355  
http://www.coxcollege.edu

Logan College of Chiropractic  
1851 Schoettler Rd.  
Chesterfield, MO 63017-5529  
(800) 782-3344  
http://www.logan.edu

Ranken Technical College  
4431 Finney Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63113  
(866) 4-RANKEN or (816) 371-0236  
http://www.ranken.edu

Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
2001 William St., 2nd Floor  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-6825  
http://www.southeastmissourihospital.com/college

St. Louis College of Pharmacy  
4588 Parkview Place  
St. Louis, MO 63110-1088  
(800) 2-STLCOP or (314) 367-8700  
http://www.stlcop.edu
INDEPENDENT TWO-YEAR
These schools, known as private schools, are mainly supported by private funds and feature programs that traditionally take two years to complete.

Cotey College  
1000 W. Austin  
Nevada, MO 64772  
(417) 667-8181 or (888) 5-COTTEY  
http://www.cotey.edu  
An independent, residential, liberal arts and sciences college for women.

Wentworth Military Academy  
1880 Washington Avenue  
Lexington, MO 64067  
(800) 962-7682  
http://www.wma1880.org  
A coed boarding military school and junior college.

INDEPENDENT FOUR-YEAR
These schools, known also as private schools, are mainly supported by private funds, whose programs traditionally take four years to complete. Missouri has some of the best independent institutions in the world, like the world-class Washington University.

Avila University  
11901 Wornall Road  
Kansas City, MO 64145  
(816) 501-3603 or (800) GO-AVILA  
http://www.avila.edu

Columbia College  
1001 Rogers Street  
Columbia, MO 65216  
(573) 875-8700 or (800) 231-2391  
http://www.ccis.edu

Evangel University  
1111 N. Glenstone  
Springfield, MO 65802  
(417) 865-2815 or (800) EVANGEL  
http://www.evangel.edu

Central Methodist University  
411 Central Methodist Square  
Fayette, MO 65248  
(660) 248-6251 or (877) CMU-1854  
http://www.centralmethodist.edu

Culver-Stockton College  
One College Hill  
Canton, MO 63435  
(573) 288-6000 or (800) 537-1883  
http://www.culver.edu

Fontbonne University  
6800 Wydown Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63105  
(314) 862-3456 or (800) 205-5862  
http://www.fontbonne.edu

College of The Ozarks  
P.O. Box 17  
Point Lookout, MO 65726  
(800) 222-0525  
http://www.cofo.edu

Drury University  
900 N. Benton Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65802  
(417) 873-7879 or (800) 922-2274  
http://www.drury.edu/home

Hannibal-LaGrange College  
2800 Palmyra Road  
Hannibal, MO 63401  
(573) 221-3675 or (800) HLG-1119  
http://www.hlg.edu/

Lindenwood University  
209 South Kingshighway  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
(636) 949-4949 or (636) 949-2000  
http://www.lindenwood.edu
Maryville University of Saint Louis
650 Maryville University Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 529-9300 or (800) 627-9855
http://www.maryville.edu

Missouri Baptist University
One College Park Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63141-8698
(314) 414-1115 or (877) 434-1115
http://www.mobap.edu

Missouri Valley College
500 E. College
Marshall, MO 65340
(660) 831-4000
http://www.moval.edu

Park University
8700 NW River Park Drive
Parkville, MO 64152
(816) 741-2000 or (800) 745-7275
http://www.park.edu

Rockhurst University
1100 Rockhurst Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
(816) 501-4000 or (800) 842-6776
http://www.rockhurst.edu

Saint Louis University
221 N. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63103-2097
(800) SLU-FOR-U
http://www.slu.edu

Southwest Baptist University
1600 University Avenue
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 328-5281 or (800) 526-5859
http://www.sbu.edu

Stephens College
1200 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65215
(573) 422-2211 or (800) 876-7207
http://www.stephens.edu

Washington University in St. Louis
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, MO 63130
(314) 935-6000
http://www.wustl.edu

Webster University
470 East Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 968-6900
http://www.websteru.edu

Westminster College
501 Westminster Avenue
Fulton, MO 65251-1299
(573) 642-3361 or (800) 475-3361
http://www.westminster-mo.edu

William Jewell College
500 College Hill
Liberty, MO 64068
(816) 781-7700 or (888) 2-JEWELL
http://www.jewell.edu

William Woods University
One University Avenue
Fulton, MO 65251
(800) 995-3159
http://www.wmwood.edu
PUBLIC TWO-YEAR

These schools, known as community colleges, are mainly supported by public funds, whose programs traditionally take two years to complete. Linn State Technical College, although a career technical school, is included in this category because of its two-year curricula.

Crowder College
601 Laclede Avenue
Neosho, MO 64850
(417) 451-3223
http://www.crowder.edu

East Central College
1964 Prairie Dell Road
Union, MO 63084
(636) 583-5193
http://www.eastcentral.edu

Jefferson College
1000 Viking Drive
Hillsboro, MO 63050
(636) 797-3000 or (636) 789-3000
http://www.jeffco.edu

Linn State Technical College
One Technology Drive
Linn, MO 65051
(573) 897-5192 or (800) 743-8324
http://www.linnstate.edu

Metro Community College (816) 759-1000
Blue River (816) 220-6550
Business & Tech. (816) 482-5250
Longview (816) 672-2050
Maple Woods (816) 437-3050
Penn Valley (816) 759-4000
http://www.mcekc.edu

Mineral Area College
5270 Flat River Road
Park Hills, MO 63601
(573) 431-4593
http://www.mineralarea.edu

Moberly Area Community College
101 College Avenue
Moberly, MO 65270-1304
(660) 263-4110 or (800) 622-2070
http://www.macc.edu

North Central Missouri College
1301 Main Street
Trenton, MO 64683
(660) 359-3948 or (800) 880-6180
http://www.ncmissouri.edu

Ozarks Technical Community College
1001 East Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802-3625
(417) 447-7500
http://www.otc.edu

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1001 East Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802-3625
(417) 447-7500
http://www.otc.edu

Missouri State University-West Plains
128 Garfield
West Plains, MO 65775
(417) 255-7255
http://www.wp.missouristate.edu

St. Charles Community College
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
St. Peters, MO 63376-2865
(636) 922-8000 or (636) 922-8237
http://www.stchas.edu

St. Louis Community College (314) 539-5000
Florissant Valley (314) 513-4200
Forest Park (314) 644-9100
Meramec (314) 984-7500
Wildwood (363) 422-2000
http://www.stlcc.edu

State Fair Community College
3201 W. 16th Street
Sedalia, MO 65301-2199
(660) 530-5800 or (877) 311-7322
http://www.sfcc.cc.mo.us

Three Rivers Community College
2080 Three Rivers Blvd.
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(877) TRY TRCC
http://www.trcc.edu
PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR
These schools are mainly supported by public funds, whose programs traditionally take four years to complete. The University of Missouri, with three campuses and its flagship in Columbia, is one of the most comprehensive and prestigious 4-years institutions in the United States and the largest in the state.

University of Central Missouri
P.O. Box 800
Warrensburg, MO 64093
(660) 543-4111 or (877) 729-8266
http://www.ucmo.edu

Harris-Stowe State University
3026 Laclede Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 340-3366
http://www.hssu.edu

Lincoln University of Missouri
820 Chestnut
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 681-5000 or (800) 521-5052
http://www.lincoln.edu

Missouri Southern State Univ.
3950 E. Newman Road
Joplin, MO 64801-1595
(866) 818-MSSU (6778)
http://www.mssu.edu

Missouri Western State University
4525 Downs Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507
(816) 271-4200
http://www.missouriwestern.edu

Northwest Missouri State University
800 University Drive
Maryville, MO 64468
(800) 633-1175
http://www.nwmissouri.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
One University Plaza
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 651-2000
http://www.semo.edu

Missouri State University
901 South National Avenue
Springfield, MO 65897
(417) 836-5000
http://www.missouristate.edu

Truman State University
100 East Normal
Kirkville, MO 63501
(660) 785-4000 or (800) 892-7792
http://www.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri
P.O. Box 800
Warrensburg, MO 64093
(660) 543-4111 or (877) 729-8266
http://www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri-Columbia
105 Jesse Hall
Columbia, MO 65211
(573) 882-2121 or (800) 856-2181
http://www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri-Kansas City
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
(816) 235-1000
http://www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri-Rolla
1870 Miner Circle
Rolla, MO 65409
(573) 341-4111 or (800) 522-0938
http://www.umr.edu

University of Missouri-St. Louis
One University Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63121
(314) 516-5000
http://www.umsl.edu

THEOLOGICAL/PROPRIETARY
Theological schools, usually private, feature programs focusing on religion or religious studies. There are over 150 privately owned and controlled schools and out-of-state institutions in Missouri. Courses of study range from taxes and taxidermy to aviation and auctioneering. Also known as private career schools, many of these schools offer degree or less than degree level programs.

For complete listings, go to:
http://highered.mo.gov/ProgramInventory/search.jsp
CAREER TECHNICAL
These institutions typically offer career-oriented coursework and enable students to earn a certificate of completion during a six to 18 month time frame. Much of the instruction in these types of schools is hands on and you will enjoy the benefit of a small class with plenty of individual attention. Certificates can be earned in numerous fields including truck driving, auto mechanics, electricians, paralegals, computer programming and heavy machinery operators, to name a few. In addition to accelerated programs, a wide variety of career paths and individual attention, most career technical schools are much less costly than other higher education options.

For a list of career technical schools, visit the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website at:
http://dese.mo.gov/links/School_Home_Pages/Career_Technical_Schools/

APPRENTICESHIPS
An apprenticeship program is a sound alternative to a four-year degree, especially if you’re unsure about college. Apprenticeships offer the best of both worlds – paid work experience and related technical instruction. It’s a chance to learn a skilled profession and increase your knowledge and skills while earning a good wage.

Through an apprenticeship, you can gain skills in well-paid occupations like:
Carpenter Tool & Die Maker Bricklayer Electrician Firefighter Chef
Machinist Communications Operator Truck Driver Construction Worker

After completing an apprenticeship, you will not only know the industry, your wages will be proportionate to your newly acquired workplace skills. As your skills increase, your wages and marketability will increase accordingly. Investigate the industry you’d like to apprentice with. You’d be surprised how many offer apprenticeships.
Apprenticeship Resources

- Registered Apprentice Program
  The U.S. Department of Labor’s Registered Apprenticeship website offers contacts, links and tools for individuals interested in pursuing an apprenticeship.
  www.doleta.gov/oa

- Great Hires
  Missouri’s on-line job resource offers apprenticeship opportunities. Search by institution or program. Type ‘apprentice’ in program search for a listing of all apprenticeship programs.
  www.greathires.org/mech/owa/dese.all_site1

- XPDNC Labor Directory
  Features international apprenticeship links.
  www.xpdnc.com/links/apprent.html
GED

Many people who did not finish high school have knowledge and skills comparable to people who did graduate. The GED (General Educational Development) test is a battery of five multiple-choice tests that ask questions about subjects covered in high school. The exam covers reading, mathematics, social studies, science and writing skills. The writing skills portion includes a 200-word essay. The exam takes about seven hours to complete.

Most colleges and employers accept a GED certificate as being equivalent to a high school diploma. The GED test is given throughout Missouri, and each year more than 10,000 Missouri residents earn their GED.

Only those who are at least 16 years old and no longer enrolled in high school are eligible to take the GED test.

http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/ged_index.htm

GED Facts

- One out of every seven people who receive high school diplomas each year earns that diploma by passing the GED test.

- Ninety percent of colleges and universities recognize the GED. Passing the GED test puts a person in the upper 25th percentile in terms of class rank, and lets colleges know the person has the skills and knowledge equivalent to applicants from traditional high schools.

- More than 95 percent of employers nationwide employ GED graduates on the same basis as high school graduates in terms of hiring, salary, and opportunity for advancement.

- Sixty-five percent of GED test-takers plan to enter college, a university, trade or technical school, or business school during the next year.

- The average age of persons taking the GED tests is 24.7 years old.

ADULT EDUCATION & LITERACY

Adult Education & Literacy instruction is designed to teach persons 16 years of age or older to read and write English and to substantially raise their educational level.

The purpose of the program is to expand the educational opportunities for adults and to establish programs that will enable all adults to acquire the basic skills necessary to function in society, allowing them to secure training to become more employable, productive and responsible citizens. This type of instruction will allow adults to continue their education through completion of secondary school.

The contact information for each of the 44 Missouri Adult Education Programs can be found at:
http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/ael_mo_program.htm
MILITARY
The military can provide numerous occupational options for those who do not wish to enter higher education or the civilian workforce immediately. The military can provide you with highly valuable, real-world, hands-on training and instruction in careers ranging from computer programming to pharmacology. Joining the military may also provide you with travel opportunities and international experience. If you’re looking for ways to afford an education, Uncle Sam can help. Being a member of the United States armed forces entitles you to job training, 100% tuition reimbursement, continuing education, financial aid, loan repayment, health care, retirement and a host of other benefits.

Air Force
The US Air Force offers more than a hundred jobs, from pilot to engineer, doctor and nurse. Like all branches of the Armed Forces, the Air Force provides you with real-life work experience and advances your education. The Community College of the Air Force is the only degree-granting institution of higher learning in the world dedicated exclusively to enlisted people – leading to a job-related, two-year Associate in Applied Science degree.
www.airforce.com

Army
What career paths does the Army offer? Administration and support, combat, computers and technology, intelligence and combat support, legal and law enforcement, mechanics, medical and emergency, transportation and aviation, even training as a broadcast technician, graphic designer, translator, journalist or musician. The US Army offers programs to help you pay for college, pay off existing student loans while enlisted, attend one of over 1,600 community colleges and four-year universities during army service, even go to a virtual college while enlisted, at eArmyU.
www.goarmy.com

Coast Guard
With careers in communications, maritime operations, electronics, engine maintenance, aviation mechanics, the Coast Guard can help defray the cost of a career education through the Montgomery GI Bill or the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative, a scholarship program for college sophomores. The Initiative provides full payment of school tuition, fees, textbooks, a monthly salary, medical insurance and other benefits during a student’s junior and senior year of college.
www.gocoastguard.com

Marine Corps
The Marine Corps College Fund, in combination with the Montgomery GI Bill, provides almost all funding necessary for a college education. The Corps also offers the Service Members Opportunity Colleges degree program for active duty members. The website lets you select your current educational status – high school student or graduate, college student or graduate – to see the available occupations.
www.marines.com

Navy
What’s a sailor? These days, a nuclear propulsion officer, avionics specialist, nurse, etc. The navy has several education programs and benefits, including the Navy College Fund, the Service Members Opportunity Colleges degree program, the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education and the Navy College Assistance/Student Headstart (CASH) program, which offers full pay and benefits while attending college. The Navy’s site also lets you tailor occupation to education, and its Life Accelerator can help you focus on a career path.
www.navy.com
FINANCING
Financing your education need not involve working three jobs or overtime for years. Numerous federal, state and private programs offer outright grants, loans, tuition assistance and work-study programs. The programs listed below are only a sample; chances are there’s assistance whatever your age, background or interest. Look into any financial aid carefully; state and federal student financial aid amounts can change. For more, go to the Career OneStop Financial Aid Center at:
http://www.careeronestop.org/financial/financialaidhome.asp

The U.S. Department of Education lets users apply online for financial aid on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website at:
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

Additional financial grant, loan and scholarship programs are listed below.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM
A nationwide, federal program. Funding varies.

FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS
Must be Missouri resident and enrolled full-time in approved Missouri school; up to $40,000.

MISSOURI COLLEGE GUARANTEE
A need-based program for Missouri residents; award based on University of Missouri fees.

FEDERAL PLUS LOANS FOR PARENTS
Loans for parents not to exceed 10 percent. No limit, but loan may not exceed cost of attendance.

SUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN
Enables students and their families to borrow low-interest loans directly from approved lending institutions. Maximum $2,625 for freshman year, $3,500 for sophomore, $5,500 for junior and senior. Federal government pays interest.

UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD
Same as subsidized, but borrower pays interest.

CHARLES GALLAGHER STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
For Missouri residents. Up to $1,500.
MISSOURI TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Must be Missouri resident. One-time scholarship of $2,000 for students who choose teaching careers only.

MISSOURI HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
$2,000 merit award for top 3 percent of Missouri students based on American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores.

MARGUERITE ROSS BARNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship for employed students; amount varies.

MISSOURI SAVINGS FOR TUITION (MO$T) PROGRAM
State- and Federal tax-deferred college savings program. Anyone - parent, grandparent, relative – can open and contribute to a MO$T account. $8,000 annual maximum, lifetime account maximum of $235,000.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS
For undergraduates who can demonstrate exceptional financial need. Gives priority to students who receive Federal Pell Grants. Up to $4,000.

FEDERAL COLLEGE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM
Provides jobs for undergraduate and graduate students. Wage varies, but must be at least minimum wage.