

MEETING THE CHALLENGE
OF
COLLEGE ADMISSION



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“HOME OF THE TIGERS”

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“HOME OF THE TIGERS”

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JUNIOR-SENIOR COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR

MARCH/APRIL

MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO CAREFULLY REVIEW YOUR RECORDS, PLAN AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR NEXT YEAR, AND RESEARCH YOUR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS.

1. CONSIDER ATTENDING THE COLLEGE FAIR IN APRIL AT THE MEADOWLANDS.
2. CONTINUE SCREENING COLLEGES- USE COLLEGE GUIDE BOOKS AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE AS RESOURCE MATERIALS.
3. REGISTER FOR THE JUNE SAT'S OR ACT. (TAKING THEM EARLY WILL ALLOW YOU TIME TO RETAKE THEM IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR SCORES.)
4. START THINKING ABOUT YOUR STRENGTHS AND PREFERENCES IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU MAY WANT TO DO IN LIFE.
5. CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM.

MAY

1. ATTEND NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS.

JUNE

1. TAKE THE SAT OR ACT – JUNE
2. SERVICE ACADEMY CANDIDATES – SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR NOMINATION PROCEDURE.
3. PREPARE A SUMMER AGENDA OF PRE-COLLEGE ACTIVITY (MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COLLEGE ADDRESSES, SAMPLE ESSAY QUESTIONS, ETC., BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR “SUMMER VACATION.”)
4. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAMPUS TOURS.
5. REVIEW SAT OR ACT TEST RESULTS AND DETERMINE IF YOU SHOULD TAKE THEM AGAIN IN THE FALL.
6. IF YOU ARE SEEKING A RECOMMENDATION FROM A TEACHER YOU HAD THIS YEAR, SPEAK WITH THE TEACHER ABOUT IT NOW!

JULY/AUGUST

1. START VISITING COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITIES THAT INTEREST YOU (TOURING CAMPUSES.
2. BEGIN WRITING TO COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES FOR APPLICATION AND BROCHURES.
3. CONSIDER A SUMMER JOB OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE IN YOUR AREA OF INTEREST.
4. STUDY FOR THE SAT OR ACT. CONSIDER TAKING A TEST PREPARATION COURSE, ONLINE TUTORIAL, OR SELF-HELP BOOKS
5. EARLY DECISION CANDIDATES: FINALIZE PLANS AND PREPARE APPLICATION MATERIALS OF OCTOBER SUBMISSION.
6. COMPLETE ONE GOOD FIRST DRAFT OF YOUR “PERSONAL STATEMENT” AND ALSO DO TWO OR THREE OF THE STANDARD COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS (YOU WILL APPRECIATE THIS ADVICE IN NOVEMBER!!!).

SEPTEMBER

1. MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AND BEGIN TO NARROW DOWN YOUR COLLEGE CHOICES, BE SURE TO INCLUDE A "SECURITY SCHOOL."
2. SEND FOR REMAINING COLLEGE APPLICATION.
3. REGISTER TO TAKE OR RETAKE SAT AND/OR ACT
4. REQUEST THAT OFFICIAL TEST SCORES BE SENT TO SCHOOL WHERE YOU ARE APPLYING.
5. MEET WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES.
6. CHECK DATES AND LOCATIONS OF COLLEGE FAIRS AND PARENTS NIGHTS IN YOUR AREA.
7. SEND THANK YOU NOTES TO EACH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE WHO SPENDS TIME WITH YOU.
8. DECIDE WHICH TEACHERS AND OTHER PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO WRITE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.
9. COMPLETE YOUR ACTIVITY SHEET AND RETURN TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

1. TAKE OR RETAKE SAT AND/OR ACT
2. MAKE A FINAL LIST OF YOUR SIX TOP COLLEGE CHOICES.
3. ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS.
4. FINALIZE APPLICATION PACKETS THEN SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.
5. SEND EARLY DECISION AND EARLY ACTION APPLICATIONS
6. REQUEST FROM YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TO FORWARD OFFICIAL COPIES OF TRANSCRIPT AND COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION TO SCHOOLS WHERE YOU APPLIED.
7. PROMPTLY RESPOND TO ANY REQUEST FROM ADMISSIONS OFFICERS.
8. YOUR FIRST APPLICATION MUST BE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1ST!

DECEMBER

1. SUBMIT ADMISSION APPLICATIONS TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FIRST.
2. SUBMIT COPIES OF ONLINE ADMISSION APPLICATIONS TO YOUR COUNSELOR FOR OFFICIAL COPIES OF TRANSCRIPT TO SCHOOLS WHERE YOU APPLIED.
3. KEEP WORKING ON YOUR GRADES. MAINTAIN A STRONG SENIOR YEAR.

JANUARY

1. IF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID, PICK UP A COPY OF THE F.A.F.S.A. AND/OR PROFILE. APPLICANTS MAY ALSO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ON-LINE AT WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV.
2. ROLLING ADMISSIONS COLLEGE DECISION ARE STARTING TO COME IN NOW. NOTIFY YOUR COUNSELOR AND GIVE A COPY WHEN YOU RECEIVE A LETTER.

FEBRUARY

1. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO – NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR PARENTS TO COMPLETE AND MAIL OR ON-LINE SUBMIT THE FAFSA. (THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF “FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED” WHEN IT COMES TO DISTRIBUTING FINANCIAL AID.)
2. VERIFY THAT SCHOOLS HAVE RECEIVED ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS.
3. SUBMIT THE “LAST” OF YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS (WATCH THOSE DEADLINES).

MARCH

1. MAKE SURE ALL FINANCIAL AID FORMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
2. CONTINUE MONITORING YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.
3. ATTEND COLLEGE CAMPUS OPEN HOUSES.

APRIL

1. EXPECT TO RECEIVE LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE OR NON-ACCEPTANCE.
2. KEEP YOUR COUNSELOR INFORMED OF THE COLLEGE DECISIONS.
3. REVIEW ALL ACCEPTANCE PACKAGES CAREFULLY.
4. MAKE FINAL VISITS TO SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SENT ACCEPTANCE LETTERS TO MAKE FINAL DECISION.
5. SELECT THE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND SEND A DEPOSIT BY SPECIFIED DEADLINE.
6. NOTIFY SCHOOLS OF YOUR DECISION.
7. SEND THANK YOU NOTES TO THOSE WHO WROTE RECOMMENDATIONS.
8. REGISTER FOR/TAKE ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS.

MAY AND JUNE

1. TAKE ANY REMAINING ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) TESTS.
2. REQUEST THAT YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT BE SENT TO THE COLLEGE YOU HAVE SELECTED.
3. RELAX AND ENJOY!

JULY AND AUGUST

1. FINALIZE YOUR COLLEGE BUDGET.
2. NOTE DEADLINES FOR TUITION AND ROOM AND BOARD PAYMENTS.
3. APPLY FOR STUDENT LOANS IF NECESSARY.
4. ATTEND FRESHMAN ORIENTATION
5. HAVE A GREAT YEAR IN COLLEGE



HOW DO I SELECT A COLLEGE?

It all starts with you. You need to know what makes you tick and examine the things that are important to you. You will then more easily be able to determine if you want to go to school and if so, what kind of school would meet your needs.

Take some time to think about yourself. To begin, ask yourself the following question: **“What are my interests, attitudes and abilities?”** The answer is important because it will help guide you in deciding what6 career path may be right for you.

Here are some additional questions for you to consider before you start your search:

- Do I have an ultimate goal?
- Why do I want to go to college?
- What do I hope to achieve in college?
- What are my academic goals?
- What things do I want out of my college experience?
- Do I want to become involved in campus activities such as sports, student government, music or theater?
- Do I want to be challenged academically?
- What do I want to study (what major am I considering)?
- What do I do well?
- What possible jobs or careers interest me?
- Do I want to enter the work force immediately after graduation?
- Is it important for me to have a good paying job when I graduate?
- Do I hope to attend graduate or professional school?

Now that you have answered question about yourself, it should be easier for you to evaluate the kinds of schools available. There are many kinds of schools across our nation. They range from small community and technical colleges to private colleges and large universities. Each type of school has its own advantages.

25 QUESTIONS To Ask a College Representative
How do you know a college is right for you?
The first step is to visit and ask plenty of questions.
The answers will tell you if the college you are looking
into meets your needs!

What you need to know about ACADEMICS

1. What programs do you offer?
2. How long does it take to get a degree?
3. Do you have internship programs?
4. Will someone help me with my schedule?
5. How hard is it to get the class schedule I need?
6. Is there tutoring, if I need extra help?

What you need to know about FINANCIAL AID

7. What is the tuition, including fees and books?
8. What type of aid is available to me?
9. Are there scholarships, and how do I apply?
10. Is there a deadline to apply for Financial Aid?

What you need to know about TECHNOLOGY

11. What type of software will I be using?
12. Is the campus wireless?
13. Will I have email and access to the internet?

14. Can I take classes online?

What you need to know about ADMISSIONS

15. What is the application deadline?
16. What are the requirements for acceptance?
17. Do you require SATs?
18. When can I arrange a tour of the college?

What you need to know about STUDENT LIFE

19. What type of residence facilities do you have?
20. What is the average class size?
21. What activities do you offer?
22. What is the total enrollment of the college?

What you need to know about CAREER SERVICES

23. Will I have help finding a job when I graduate?
24. What type of positions are your graduates getting?
25. What is your graduate employment rate?



Colleges In New Jersey



Colleges in New Jersey include large state institutions such as [Rutgers University](#) and private colleges like [Berkeley College](#) which is nationally recognized for its business programs.

[Berkeley College](#)

Garret Mountain Campus
44 Rifle Camp Road
West Paterson, NJ 07424
973-278-5400
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Newark Campus
536 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102
973-642-3888
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Paramus Campus
64 East Midland Ave.
Paramus, NJ 07652
201-967-9667
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Woodbridge Campus
430 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732-750-1800
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Bloomfield College](#)
467 Franklin Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
973-748-9000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Caldwell College](#)
9 Ryerson Avenue
Caldwell, NJ 07006
973-618-3000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[New Jersey Institute of Technology](#)

University Heights
Newark, NJ 07102
973-596-3000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Princeton University](#)
Princeton, NJ 08544
609-258-3000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Ramapo College](#)
505 Ramapo Valley Road
Mahwah, NJ 07430
201-684-7500
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Richard Stockton College](#)
P.O. Box 195
Pomona, NJ 08240
609-652-1776
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Rider University](#)
2083 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
609-896-5000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Rowan University](#)
201 Mullica Hill Road
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-256-4000

Centenary College

400 Jefferson Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
908-852-1400

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The College of New Jersey

P.O. Box 7718
Ewing, NJ 08628
609-771-1855

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

College of Saint Elizabeth

2 Convent Road
Morristown, NJ 07960
973-290-4000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Drew University

36 Madison Avenue
Madison, NJ 07940
973-408-3000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Fairleigh Dickinson University

1000 River Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
201-692-2000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Felician College

262 South Main Street
Lodi, NJ 07644
201-559-6000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Georgian Court University

900 Lakewood Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
800-458-8422

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Kean University

100 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
908-737-5326

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Monmouth University

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Rutgers the State University

Camden Campus
311 North Fifth Street
Camden, NJ 08102
856-225-1766

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New Brunswick Campus
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-932-4636

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Newark Campus

Newark, NJ 07102
973-353-5568

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Saint Peter's College

2641 Kennedy Boulevard
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-915-9000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079
973-761-9000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Stevens Institute of Technology

Castle Point on Hudson
Hoboken, NJ 07030
201-216-5000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Thomas Edison State College

101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
888-442-8372

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

**University of Medicine & Dentistry
of New Jersey**

65 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07107
973-972-4300

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

William Paterson University

400 Cedar Avenue
West Long Branch, NJ 07764
732-571-3400
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

300 Pompton Road
Wayne, NJ 07470
877-978-3923
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[Montclair State University](#)

1 Normal Avenue
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
973-655-4000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

[New Jersey City University](#)

2039 Kennedy Boulevard
Jersey City, NJ 07305
888-441-6528
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

WHAT TESTS DO I NEED TO TAKE?

MOST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE THAT YOU TAKE CERTAIN TESTS BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR ADMISSION. THE SPECIFIC TEST WILL NORMALLY BE LISTED IN THE INFORMATION BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY EACH SCHOOL. THE TWO STANDARDIZED TESTS USED PRIMARILY FOR ADMISSION TO COLLEGE ARE THE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT). IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THE TEST THAT IS REQUIRED BY THE COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.

TEST SCORES ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF A COLLEGE DOES NOT HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH A PARTICULAR HIGH SCHOOL. ONE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS DESCRIBED THEM AS “A CONSISTENT PIECE OF INFORMATION TO ADD TO THE OVERALL EVALUATION.” SINCE THE U.S. HAS NO OFFICIAL NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, IT IS A QUICK WAY TO COMPARE APPLICANTS FROM THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS.

STANDARDIZED TESTS ARE ADMINISTERED BY INDEPENDENT TESTING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE IN PRINCETON, N.J., AND THE ACT IN IOWA CITY, IOWA.

IT IS NECESSARY TO REGISTER WITH A TESTING ORGANIZATION FOR A TEST DATE AND LOCATION AND PAY A FEE TO TAKE THE TEST REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOLS TO WHICH YOU APPLY. THE TESTING ORGANIZATION WILL SCORE YOUR TEST AND SEND THE RESULTS TO THE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES YOU HAVE INDICATED.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PLAN AHEAD. IT CAN TAKE MANY MONTHS FROM THE TIME YOU REQUEST THE TESTING INFORMATION, REGISTER, TAKE THE TEST AND ULTIMATELY HAVE THE TEST SCORES ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE. IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOUR SCORES ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS YOUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION. YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN THE TEST AT LEAST TWO MONTH BEFORE YOU NEED THE OFFICIAL TEST SCORES AVAILABLE.

THERE ARE MANY ADVANTAGES TO TAKING THE SAT AND/OR THE ACT IN THE SPRING OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. YOU WILL HAVE TIME BEFORE YOUR SENIOR YEAR TO TAKE A PREP COURSE OR TUTORIAL, OR STUDY MORE ON YOUR OWN IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR SCORES AND WANT TO RETAKE THE TEST IN THE AUTUMN OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR. YOU WILL ALSO BE BETTER ABLE TO PLAN YOUR SENIOR YEAR.

YOU WILL START RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BEFORE YOUR SENIOR YEAR. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU WILL GO TO SCHOOL AND THEREFORE DO NOT WHICH TEST ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING BOTH THE ACT AND SAT.

SAT:

THE SAT IS THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF CHOICE IN EAST AND WEST COAST SCHOOLS. IT MEASURES THE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS YOU WILL NEED TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE BY ASSESSING HOW WELL YOU ANALYZE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS. THE TEST, WITH BREAKS, IS OVER FOUR HOURS LONG AND HAS THREE MAJOR SECTIONS: CRITICAL READING, MATH, AND WRITING. EACH SECTION IS SCORED ON A SCALE OF 200-800. THERE ARE TWO WRITING SUB-SCORES, ONE FOR THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS AND ONE FOR THE ESSAY. THE 25 MINUTE ESSAY SECTION IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SECTION AND THE 10 MINUTE MULTIPLE-CHOICE WRITING SECTION IS THE LAST. THE OTHER SIX 25 MINUTE SECTIONS AND TWO 20 MINUTE SECTIONS CAN APPEAR IN ANY ORDER.

ACT:

ANOTHER STANDARDIZED TEST USED FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION IS THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT). IT IS VERY POPULAR IN THE MIDWEST BUT IS GAINING ACCEPTANCE ELSEWHERE. IN FACT, MOST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S., INCLUDING THE IVY LEAGUE SCHOOLS, ACCEPT IT. THE TEST LASTS TWO HOURS AND 55 MINUTES AND CONTAINS FOUR SECTIONS THAT MEASURE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, READING, AND SCIENCE. THERE IS ALSO AN OPTIONAL 30 MINUTE WRITING TEST. SOME SCHOOLS MAY REQUIRE THE WRITING SECTION, SO BE SURE TO ASK BEFORE YOU TAKE THE TEST. IT IS USUALLY TAKEN DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE ACT IS RELATED DIRECTLY TO WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL. BY MEASURING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED IN COLLEGE, THE TEST SHOWS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE STUDENT. THE ACT INCLUDES A UNIQUE INTEREST INVENTORY SECTION THAT PROVIDES VALUABLE INFORMATION TO HELP PLAN YOUR EDUCATION AND YOUR CAREER. IT ALSO INCLUDES A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT PROFILE SECTION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STANDARDIZED TESTS, YOU CAN VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

- WWW.COLLEGEBORAD.COM TEST AND COURSE PREPARATION MATERIALS.
- WWW.ACT.ORG TEST PREPARATION INFORMATION FOR ACT
- WWW.PRINCETONREVIEW.COM TEST PREPARATION ADVICE AND SERVICES
- WWW.ONLINETESTPREP.COM FREE ONLINE SERVICES & SOFTWARE FOR SALE
- WWW.SPARKNOTES.COM ONLINE STUDY GUIDES
- WWW.POWERPREP.COM FREE ONLINE SOFTWARE AND TEST PREPARATION

5000 COLLEGIATE WORDS WITH BRIEF DEFINITIONS

SPEAK AND WRITE WITH AN IVY LEAGUE GRADUATE'S VOCABULARY!

WWW.FREEVOCABULARY.COM 5000 FREE SAT WORDS. THIS IS A GREAT WEBSITE TO LOOK IN TO...

DECISIONS

THERE ARE OVER 3,500 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. EACH IS UNIQUE WITH ITS OWN MISSION. THE TASK BEFORE YOU NOW IS TO MATCH YOUR GOALS, YOUR NEEDS, AND YOUR ABILITIES WITH THESE MANY INSTITUTIONS!

THE INFORMATION THAT FOLLOWS WILL HELP YOU DETERMINE THE TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO EXPLORE FURTHER.

COLLEGE VS. UNIVERSITY

BASICALLY, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS WILL ALLOW AN EASY COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO.

COLLEGE IS DEFINED AS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING INSTRUCTION BEYOND TWELFTH GRADE WHOSE PROGRAMS SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DEGREE AT THE ASSOCIATE, AND/OR BACCALAUREATE, AND GRADUATE LEVELS. COLLEGES USUALLY OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH FACULTY WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY RESEARCH.

UNIVERSITY IS DEFINED AS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING INSTRUCTION BEYOND TWELFTH GRADE WHOSE PROGRAMS SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DEGREE AT THE BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE LEVELS. UNIVERSITIES ARE GENERALLY COMPRISED OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS (E.G., COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, AND SCHOOL OF LAW).

TYPES OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

THE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE THIS IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF COLLEGE. ITS PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A BROAD FOUNDATION IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES, AS OPPOSED TO TECHNICAL

TRAINING. STUDENTS AT LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES USUALLY MAJOR IN HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS OR THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS WHILE WORKING TOWARDS A BACHELOR OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE. MOST COLLEGES, EVEN IF NOT LIBERAL ARTS, REQUIRE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A NUMBER OF LIBERAL ARTS COURSES.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS A DEGREE-GRANTING COLLEGE WHICH OFFERS INTENSIVE TRAINING IN ENGINEERING AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. UNDERGRADUATE STUDY SOMETIMES REQUIRES FIVE YEARS. RECENTLY, SOME SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY HAVE COORDINATED THEIR PROGRAMS WITH LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES.

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE - A TWO YEAR COLLEGE CAN BE EITHER A JUNIOR COLLEGE OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE. A JUNIOR COLLEGE IS USUALLY PRIVATE, WHEREAS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL COUNTY AND THE STATE. BOTH INSTITUTIONS OFFER THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE AND ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES AND HAVE A VARIETY OF AIMS: 1. TO PROVIDE PREPARATION FOR TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY; 2. TO PROVIDE GENERAL EDUCATION TO THOSE NOT SEEKING A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE; 3. TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING OF A TERMINAL NATURE FOR SPECIFIC FIELDS. AN ADMISSION CRITERION AT TWO-YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGES IS USUALLY OPEN, MEANING THAT ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE ACCEPTED.

COOPERATIVE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY – A COOPERATIVE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OFFERS A FOUR OR FIVE-YEAR WORK STUDY PROGRAM. PERIODS OF STUDY ON CAMPUS ARE ALTERNATED WITH PERIODS OF PAID EMPLOYMENT IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE WITH CLASSROOM THEORY. MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE BEGINNING TO INTEGRATE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION INTO SEVERAL OF THEIR CURRICULA OFFERINGS.

NURSING SCHOOLS – THERE ARE SEVERAL AVENUES WHICH LEAD TO PREPARATION IN NURSING. SOME HOSPITALS OFFER THREE YEARS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING LEADING TO STATE CERTIFICATION AS A REGISTERED NURSE. MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFER A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM OF LIBERAL ARTS AND NURSING TRAINING LEADING TO A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH RN STATE CERTIFICATION. MANY JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL HOSPITALS, OFFER NURSING PROGRAMS.