

Education Pathways: College, Trade, or Apprenticeship

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will map out the education pathway required for their chosen career using a flowchart.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- poster board or large paper
- markers or colored pencils
- ruler
- sticky notes or index cards (optional)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Using your Week 3 research, identify which general pathway your chosen career requires: a 4-year college degree, a 2-year associate degree, a trade/vocational certification, an apprenticeship, or on-the-job training.
2. On poster board, draw a flowchart starting with 'High School Graduation' and using boxes and arrows to map out each step needed to reach your chosen career (e.g., High School → Trade School (2 years) → Certification Exam → Entry-Level Job → Chosen Career).
3. For each box in your flowchart, write an approximate time length (e.g., '4 years' for college) so you can see the total time investment.
4. Add one box noting an approximate cost range for that education step, if you can find that information (tuition, program fees, etc.).
5. Circle the step in your flowchart that seems most challenging or that you have the most questions about.

QUESTIONS

1. **What is the overall pathway (college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc.) required for your chosen career?**
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2. **Roughly how many total years of education/training does your flowchart show, from high school graduation to starting the career?**
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3. Which step in your flowchart seems most challenging, and why?

4. Why is it helpful to map out the full education pathway before committing to a career goal?
