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# STAGS LEAP: Understanding Postsecondary Education/Pathways

## Part 1 - Postsecondary Education Review

**Postsecondary Education:** Education after high school that includes trade and technical schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges.

Types of Degrees	Circle the correct answer		
A bachelor's degree is a:	2-year degree	4-year degree	graduate degree
An associate degree is a:	2-year degree	4-year degree	graduate degree
A law or medical degree is a:	2-year degree	4-year degree	graduate degree

Draw a line from the type of postsecondary education (column on left) to the definition on the right.

**Two to Four Year Technical College**

A. Colleges that typically admit more than half the applicants (e.g. Central Washington University, Washington State University).

**Four Year College**

B. Very selective schools that usually admit less than 25% of applicants (e.g. Stanford University, Harvard University).

**Competitive College**

C. School that prepares students for a career in a specific field such as information technology, applied science, medical assistants, secretarial skills.

**Highly Selective College**

D. School that offers a 2-year course of study (such as an Associate's Degree) that is generally equivalent to the first two years of a 4-year degree; also offers certificate programs.

**Military**

E. Selective schools that admit about half of applicants (e.g. University of Washington, Whitman College, some military colleges).

**Two Year College**

F. Opportunity to work for another person in order to learn a trade (e.g. plumber, electrician, carpenter). May also earn college credit at the same time.

**Apprenticeship**

G. Provides training opportunities while serving your country and has postsecondary options.



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## Part 2 – Practice Plan Scenarios

Read through the six scenarios.

1. In the first column, check the scenario that best describes you and your future plans.
2. In the third column, write in which postsecondary plan would best fit this person’s scenario.

High School Diploma  
 Apprenticeship  
 Two Year College  
 Two to Four Year Technical College

Military  
 Four Year College  
 Competitive College  
 Highly Selective College

Most like me	Scenario	Postsecondary Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Scenario 1: Jordan’s Plan</b></p> <p>I plan to go to get a 4-year bachelor’s degree to work in business, maybe in the entertainment industry. My career path is Business Management and Administration. The school I attend isn’t that important to me, but I know I need a degree from a 4-year college to get the type of job I want. I want to find the school that is most affordable and not too far from home.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Scenario 2: Taylor’s Plan</b></p> <p>I love to work with my hands. My uncle is a plumber and I think that kind of work sounds interesting, but I know I need more training to do this type of work. My Career Path is Architecture and Construction.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Scenario 3: Imanil’s Plan</b></p> <p>I want to be an officer and pilot in the Air Force. I am competitive, like to take challenging classes, have a 4.0, and want to serve my country. I would consider going to an excellent 4-year college or a military college. My Career Path is Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Scenario 4: Casey’s Plan</b></p> <p>I want to become an ultrasound technician. My career path is Health Sciences. I know there is schooling involved, but I want to do the minimum amount because my family doesn’t have a lot of money, and I want to start working as soon as possible.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Scenario 5: Li’s Plan</b></p> <p>It’s important to me to get a 4-year bachelor’s degree, but I want to pay for it myself, so I need to find the least expensive way of doing that. I want to apply for scholarships, but I am also thinking about going to a community college, then transferring to a 4-year college. My Career Path is Education and Training. I think I might like to be a teacher or a social worker.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Scenario 6: Kelly’s Plan</b></p> <p>I have always wanted to be a lawyer. I work very hard and school is my highest priority. I am a 4.0 student and want to go to the best college I possibly can, someplace like Stanford or Harvard. I want to take Advanced Placement (AP) classes.</p>	