

# Pathways Alternative to 4-Year Colleges



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# What is the difference between a two year and a four year college?

A community college is a two-year college. Community colleges prepare for students to do the following:

1. Earn a two-year, or Associate's, degree
2. Earn two years of credits and transfer to a four-year college
3. Earn a certificate



# What is Mass Bay?

#StartHereGoAnywhere



MassBay.edu

# Why should I go to Mass Bay?

1. **Saving money**-- The biggest advantage to starting at a two-year college is the fact that you pay much less as compared to other institutions. Credit cost at MBCC is \$215— some four-year private schools can be up to \$1,000+ per credit.
2. **Taking your time figuring out what you want to do**-- it's also a chance to explore different majors; the smaller financial risk gives you more freedom to explore and change your mind.
3. **Smaller class sizes**-- community colleges often have smaller classes. This means you get more attention from instructors — and better opportunities for mentorship.
4. **Increased flexibility with your schedule**-- community colleges are known for their flexible schedules. For instance, they often have a larger slate of night classes than many four-year universities, providing you more options if you need to work during the day.
5. **A chance to improve your grades**-- Standardized tests and your high school GPA don't matter as much if you have a new track record from a two-year school. Prove yourself, and you have an opportunity to get scholarships and meet other requirements to transfer to a university.

# What can I study at Mass Bay?

Below are areas of study offered by MassBay:

*Which area of study most interests you?*

- [Automotive Technology](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Education and Human Services](#)
- [Health Sciences](#)
- [Humanities and Social Sciences](#)
- [Legal Studies](#)
- [STEM | Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics](#)

Want to take a look at the courses of study? Check it out [here!](#)

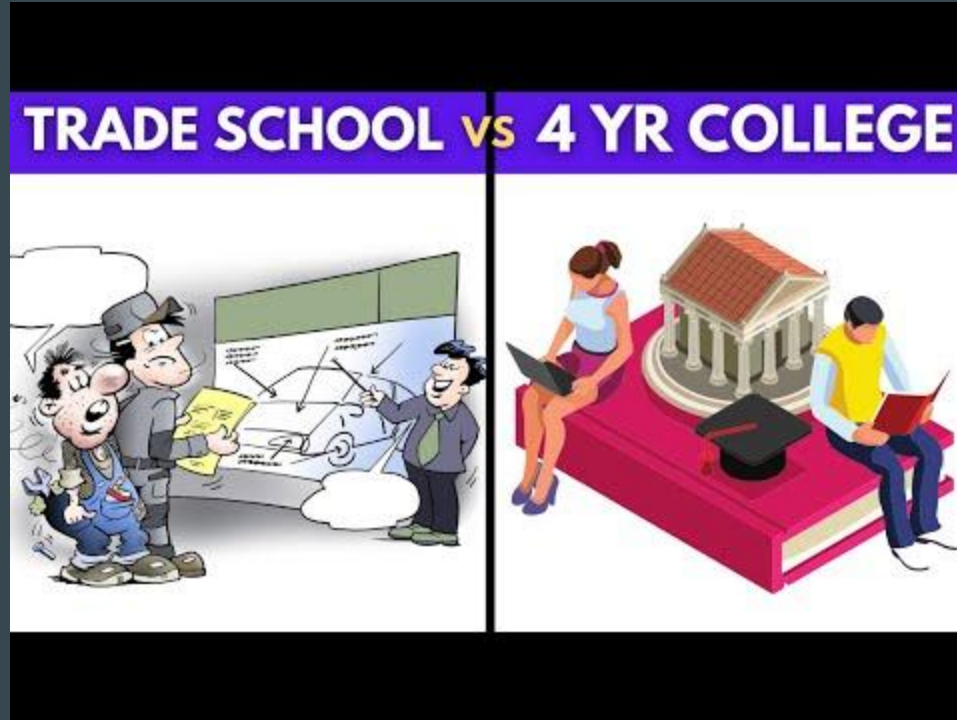
# The Mass Transfer Program



- 1. Start at a Community College:** The new [A2B Maps](#) lay out a set of freshman and sophomore courses in your major so that the credits you earn at your Community College are guaranteed to transfer to a State U or UMass campus and count towards a bachelor's degree.
- 2. Earn an Associate's Degree:** Graduate from your community college with at least a B average and you'll have guaranteed admission to a State U or UMass to complete your junior & senior years—with no application fees or essays.
- 3. Finish at a State University or UMass Campus:** With four UMass campuses and seven comprehensive State Universities all around the state, plus two specialty colleges in Massachusetts College of Art & Design and Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the perfect place for you to finish your bachelor's degree is waiting.

Get more information on Ms. Erikson's [MBCC Canvas page!](#)

# Trade & Vocational Programs



Get more information on Ms. Erikson's [Trade & Vocational Programs Canvas page!](#)



# Trade School vs College

## Trade School



Specific training



Lower cost on average



Hard skills



Simple admissions process



Shorter time commitment



Lower earnings on average

## College



Broad Education



Potential for large student debt



Soft Skills



More in-depth admissions process



Longer duration



Higher earnings on average

# Trade school admission process



# Military

Meet with a recruiter here in the high school!



Contact Ms. Erikson

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and she will help you get in touch with a recruiter.

If you're interested in enlisting in the military, you'll need an ASVAB exam. ASVAB exams will be offered on 11/30/22 or in April 2023.

Check-out our [military resources](#) here!

# Gap Years → they're individual & unique, just like you!

- 1) **Volunteering / Service**  
to emphasize empathy, hardship, and the interdependence of us all
- 2) **Career Exploration / Internship**  
to understand what your major might be like in the real world
- 3) **Paid Work**  
for increased ownership, improved career ambition, and financial literacy
- 4) **Free Radical**  
allowing some space to explore the unknown is what makes it a "gap year"



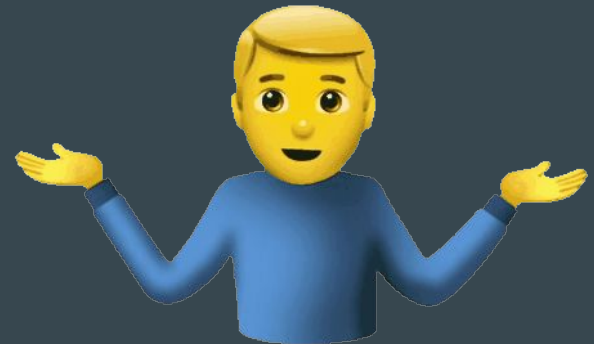
Get more information on Ms. Erikson's [Gap Years Canvas page](#)!

# I'm not sure what to do! ...and that's OK!

You've got options, and we're here to help you explore them!

Here are just some of the many options for after you graduate from high school:

- .Two or Four Year College
- .Technical School/Professional License
- .Work
- .Military
- .Gap/Interim Year



# Important Factors to Consider

- Financial needs, fit and outcome
- Many great programs– affordable Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degree programs– all within the MA State College system!
- Your interests, likes and dislikes
- Distance, housing and resources

# How do I figure out what I want to do?

[NAVIANCE](#) is your FRIEND!

– **Do What You Are:** This is a helpful personality assessment of strengths, areas of growth, and career ideas based on the Myers-Brigg Personality Types. This inventory should take about 30 minutes.

– **Career Interest Profiler:** This is a tool that can help you discover the types of work activities and careers that match your interests. Interest profiler has 180 questions about work activities that people do at their jobs.



# Research, research, research!!!

Explore your options, for example:

- 2 Year College/Associate's Degree
- Look into programs available at Massachusetts Community Colleges (\*See hand-out in your folder).
- Consider the MassTransfer or Commonwealth Commitment Program
- Local Post Graduate Programs
- FSU at MassBay Program
- GAP Year Programs
- Military
- Apprenticeship
- Talk to FHS Career Service Specialist about job shadowing or internship



# Jobs & Internships

- **Networking & Making Connections**
- **Gaining Experience**
- **Building Your Resume**
- **Learning New Skills**
- **Getting Closer to Your Future Goals**

Visit the College & Career Center to find available jobs and internships!