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How is a professional degree defined? What careers?

A professional degree is also known as the First Professional Degree and they're programs designed to prepare a student for a specific industry or career. Indeed.com listed the following industries as having a high number of jobs that require a professional degree: Architecture, Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Social Work

If I go two years into a community college and the rest in a 4-year college will I still get a good education while saving money?

Absolutely! Community and Technical colleges offer a great education at a reduced price compared to 4 year institution.

If a PSEO student graduates with a 2-year AA degree and transfers those credits over to another college, would they be considered a junior or a first-year student?

If a student transfers all 60 credits of the 2 year AA degree to a four year college / university they would be considered a junior for academic and financial aid purposes.

What's the difference between an associate degree and bachelor's degree?

An associate degree is a 2-year degree that typically consists of mostly general courses. A bachelor's degree is a 4-year program that is typically more specialized and focused on a topic, for instance: Psychology, Computer Science, Teaching, etc.

Would a general associates degree from a community college transfer as the first two years of a bachelor's from a different uni? Or are the first 2 yrs of a bachelor's also specialized?

Associate of Arts Degrees (General) are designed to help students transfer from a community college to a Bachelor's Degree program at a University. In some instances, Bachelor's degrees do have specific or specialized courses required in their first two years, so it is always a great idea to work with the colleges to make sure you're aligning the courses you're taking at the Community College to the courses you will need for your Bachelor's degree. Both institutions will have transfer specialists and they will help you make sure you're on track with your course selection.



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Are there any downsides to using the common app?

The common app is great for the schools who use it. You will want to be sure the school you are applying to will accept the common app.

What is the benefit of doing an early decision?

Early decision is binding. Some advantages are: increase chance of admission, secure your spot earlier (fast notification), gain financial clarity.

What is the difference between regular decision and rolling deadline?

Regular is the regular application deadline (depending on the college the deadline will differ) Rolling means colleges review applications as they're sent in- no deadline

What are the advantages of applying for Early Action besides getting an earlier response? Are there advantages like choosing housing, etc?

Early action is non-binding. So you can apply to a few schools as early action and receive admission decisions earlier. Many early action decisions are mailed nov-jan vs regular decision is typically feb-apr.

Is there an increase chance of admission with early action?

Yes, early admission can increase your chance of admission.

Are personal statement and essay the same thing or different?

A personal statement is writing about yourself whereas an essay is usually prompted and structured and you write about a specific subject

During a certain month are application fees waived or does it depend on the school?

Many MN colleges are waiving fees during the month of October!

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Can you apply to colleges/universities as a Junior? Or do you have to be a Senior?

In most cases you will be a senior in high school when you apply to college.

Is there a website to find colleges outside of MN?

Yes, there are several here is a helpful link: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>