

On Screen Text	Dream Big!
Voice Over	Close your eyes.
Footage	Teenage girl in yoga meditative position, eyes closed.
Voice Over	Imagine yourself in your early twenties – in charge of your own future. What does your life look like? Let your imagination fly! It won't hurt! What's your fantasy career? Or maybe you just have a dream life in mind.
Footage	Teenage girl looks up at images that appear over her head. Images like a professional career, a house, a car, and an island vacation.
Voice Over	What would you have to do to make your dreams come true? It's never too early to plan what you want out of life. You need three things: more knowledge, experience, and skills. No sweat!
Footage	College student lifting weights
Voice Over	Well, okay. Maybe a little sweat. "Wait a minute!" you're thinking. "What if I don't even know what I want to be?"
Footage	Teenage girl with a thoughtful expression on her face as question marks appear around her head
Voice Over	Easy! The answer to that is... What You Like To Do + What You're Good At = Possible Career!
Footage	Images of different types of careers
On Screen Text	How Education Relates to Careers & Income
Voice Over	There's no magic to being successful in life, but you need a plan.
On Screen Text	Education = \$\$\$
Voice Over	The more education you have the more money you can make! Here's where the rubber meets the road! Listen to this! High school graduates make more money than those who drop out of high school. College graduates make more money than high school graduates.
On Screen Text	Average Income by Amount of Education chart No Diploma = \$16,485 High School Diploma = \$26,156 Associate Degree = \$35,103 Bachelor's Degree = \$49,656 Professional Degree = \$104,299
Footage	College campuses and college students

Voice Over	There are lots of jobs that don't require a college education, but a college education is the difference between getting what you want and just getting by. Here are some more facts for you to chew on.
Footage	A cow chewing its cud...big eyes, long lashes, staring at camera, blinking
Voice Over	A college degree gives you more job opportunities and most of those jobs will offer better pay! Plus you're less likely to be unemployed or stuck in a dead-end job.
Footage	Teenage girl with light bulb above head
Voice Over	So... Are you thinking yet? You should be! What do you want to be?
On Screen Text	What do you want to be?
Middle School Students	I want to be a cop. I want to be a singer. I want to be a politician. I want to be a game designer. I want to be an actor. I want to be the first Mexican-American President of the United States
Voice Over	Okay, how about a virtual field trip? There are three major types of colleges.
On Screen Text	College Options: - Technical or Career Colleges - Community Colleges - 4-year Colleges or Universities
Voice Over	Our first stop is: technical and career colleges!
On Screen Text	Technical or Career Colleges
Voice Over	At this type of school, people prepare for specific kinds of jobs. If you love working with your hands, then this might be the place for you!
Footage	Anoka Technical College and Dunwoody College campuses
Jorge Ivan Colon-Acevedo College Student	My name is Jorge Ivan Colon-Acevedo. I attend Dunwoody College of Technology and I'm in the electrical construction and maintenance program here.
Footage	Jorge practicing his electrician skills and getting feedback from his instructor
Jorge Ivan Colon-Acevedo College Student	Back in high school I wasn't sure what I wanted to pursue. And I knew that the sciences and so forth were a strength of mine, but I knew that I would eventually get tired of doing that whereas a technical career was always going to provide a challenge for me, and that's why I kind of decided to go through that.
Shantia Matthews College Student	My name is Shantia Matthews. I'm a student here at Anoka Technical College in the Surgical Technology Program. I was born and raised here in St. Paul, Minnesota. I'm actually the first one to graduate from high school and go to a college program. So I'm very proud about that.
Footage	Surgical technology class

Shantia Matthews College Student	I chose the surgical technology program is because I always had a passion to be in the medical field. I'm going to graduate with a certificate in surgical technology. What that means is that I will be the one responsible for handling all the instruments at the surgical site. I'm going to be the one that assists, the one that's right there giving the doctor whatever they need to make possible what they do. They can't do their job without me.
Voice Over	"What other kinds of jobs are there?" you might be asking. How about a list?
On Screen Text	Dental assistant, truck driver, automotive technician, welder, computer programmer, plumber, medical assistant, florist, paramedic, chef, carpenter, massage therapist, cosmetologist, legal assistant, firefighter, electrician, surgical technician
Footage	Anoka Technical College and Dunwoody College campuses
Voice Over	You practice the skills you need for the job you want. Then, the college helps you find a job when you graduate! About 95 percent of students in technical programs get a job in their field right after they graduate. How cool is that?
Shantia Matthews College Student	Statistically, graduates from technical colleges are going right into jobs. Last semester we had nine out of 15 students that already had been placed. They're already guaranteed a job.
On Screen Text	2 Months – 2 Years
Voice Over	Depending on the job you want, your training can take between two months to two years. Some offer evening or weekend classes.
Jorge Ivan Colon-Acevedo College Student	One of the things I like most about college is that you have a sense of freedom and you can set up your own schedule to however you like it.
Footage	Nursing assistant and automotive classes
Voice Over	Different jobs require different training. For example, a nursing assistant trains for two months and receives a certificate. A nurse or an automotive technician has to train longer. They earn a diploma. Others take a variety of classes to earn an associate degree.
Footage	Drafting class
Drafting Instructor	Okay. I have a floor sitting above my basement. I'm going to have to decide where my barring components are going to be. Where am I going to put my floor joist? I have got a 28-foot wide house. Where am I going to be supporting the I-joist?
Footage	Drafting students and robotic welding
Voice Over	Some students enroll in a technical college and take courses to get a specific job in as little as two months. Other students enroll in a longer two-year program. Say you want to become a radiologic technician. That's a fancy name for someone who works in a clinic or hospital taking pictures of bones and other body parts, looking for breaks and sometimes cancer. Students take career training courses plus general education courses like English, science and sociology.

On Screen Text	<p>Career Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anatomy - Bone Density - Mammography - work in a real clinic <p>+</p> <p>General Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English - Science - Sociology <p>= Radiologic Technician</p>
Footage	Electrical class
Jorge Ivan Colon-Acevedo College Student	What I didn't know about becoming an electrician is how applicable it is to so many different fields. There's automated systems and robotics. There are electronics, motor control. Honestly, just making the contacts here, getting to know the people here, and talking here has definitely opened my eyes to the greater possibility of what different options I have.
Footage	Surgical technology class
Shantia Matthews College Student	I don't have to stop here. I have more aspirations. After I finish this, I plan on working for two years just to gain knowledge in my field and then I'm actually going to return to school to become a physician's assistant. So my dream is to pursue and go on and do more.
Voice Over	Next stop: a community college!
On Screen Text	Community Colleges
Voice Over	Here, you can take more general education courses. If you need help brushing up on reading, writing, or math skills, this is the place to do it! You can enter a program and learn skills for the career you want. Or you can enter a longer program to complete a two-year associate degree.
On Screen Text	<p>General Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English - Science - Sociology <p>+</p> <p>More General Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mathematics - Critical thinking - History <p>= Associate Degree</p>
Footage	Inver Hills Community College campus
Voice Over	Community colleges are just what they say they are: public colleges for the community.

Rosalyn Fricke College Student	I'm Rose and this is my fourth semester here at Inver Hills, and I'm getting my AA which is a transfer degree here and then I'm going to transfer to a four-year college and get a degree in sociology- My big dream job is to be a U.S. ambassador to a French speaking country.
Footage	Rose in class
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	Coming to a community college was a really good fit for me because I came from a small high school and big, four-year schools kind of scared me. I also wasn't sure how well I would do at a four-year school.
Voice Over	In community college, you can earn certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees.
On Screen Text	Certificates, Diplomas, Associate Degrees
Voice Over	It usually takes one to two years to complete your studies. Evening and weekend classes may be available.
On Screen Text	Associate Degree = the first 2 years of a 4-year degree
Footage	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training simulation, nursing assistant training, art and science classes
Voice Over	There's more than one way to get where you want to go. Some nurses and police officers, for example, have a two-year degree, while others have a four-year degree. If you decide later that you want to get a four-year degree, you may be able to transfer some or all of your two-year college credits. You complete your general education at a two-year college, and then transfer to a four-year college to take courses in your chosen field. Colleges call this the Minnesota Transfer curriculum.
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	Our biggest degree that we give out is an AA degree, which is an Associate in Arts. It's like you have two years of college done at that school.
Footage	Students playing volleyball and working on theater lighting
Voice Over	Some community colleges also offer on-campus housing and extra-curricular activities like sports and theater. Now that's hot!
Footage	Campus and library scenes
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	I live pretty close to this community college and that's a big, big reason that I chose this specific community college, but community colleges, in general, just seemed like a better fit for me because the smaller class sizes. I was use to that.
Footage	Rose in class
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	I joined the French Club and Phi Theta Kappa, which is an honor society, and the student senate. I don't know. I feel like I belong here now.
Footage	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training simulation, nursing assistant training

Voice Over	Some community college programs also focus on skills that lead to specific careers, just like technical or career colleges.
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	We have a lot of different programs like, business or paralegal. But there are a lot of certificates you can get and then you just go right on to a job.
Voice Over	"What other programs do community colleges offer?" you ask.
On Screen Text	Technician, dental hygienist, teacher's aide, flight attendant, hotel/restaurant manager, nurse, artist, emergency medical technician, radiological technician, photographer, education assistant, building inspector
Footage	Student working on library computer
Voice Over	Are you starting to get some new ideas? It's good to think ahead!
Footage	Images of light bulbs
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	It's very important to do well in high school, not just to get good grades, but so you learn how to learn because it's a different kind of learning than high school. You teach yourself more.
Voice Over	Are you still with us? Come on! Let's check out four-year schools!
On Screen Text	Four-Year Colleges & Universities
Voice Over	Maybe you dream of teaching an eighth-grade math class. Don't laugh! It could happen! You could go directly to a four-year school. Or you might take two years of general courses at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college for the final two years.
On Screen Text	<p>First 2 Years General Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English - Science - Sociology <p>+</p> <p>2 Years Specific Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Middle School Education - Classroom Management - Child Psychology - Student Teaching <p>= 4-year Degree in Teaching</p>
Footage	University of Minnesota campus
Voice Over	<p>Four-year colleges and universities are a bit different. You're required to get general knowledge in the arts, sciences, and humanities, but you don't need to have a specific career in mind!</p> <p>The choices are endless!</p>
On Screen Text	Modern history, organic chemistry, microbiology, debate, foreign languages, geology, astronomy, technical writing, economics, interior design, acting, public speaking, engineering, ancient literature, dance, philosophy, sports, marketing, photography, politics

Alessandra Williams College Student	My name is Alessandra Williams. I go to Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. I am a senior and I'm an American Studies major and a dance minor.
On Screen Footage	Theater history class
Alessandra Williams College Student	College is about exploring yourself so my first two years, I took the core general classes in science, social sciences, natural sciences, etc. and through that, discovering what it is that you truly want to do, so getting exposed to everything.
Khong Xiong College Student	My name is Khong Xiong. My major is psychology and I'm a third year student at the University of Minnesota.
Footage	Khong meeting with academic advisor
Khong Xiong College Student	One fun thing about college is that you are here to explore about yourself and what major you'll want to go into. A lot of people do not know what they want to do, which is totally, absolutely fine because you are in the process of learning about yourself, what you want to do. And also, your undergraduate degree is not going to determine your permanent occupation.
Voice Over	A four-year degree gives you even more career choices.
On Screen Text	Teacher, engineer, business manager, graphic designer, pilot, financial advisor, writer, interior designer, marketing manager, computer security specialist, social worker, food scientist, biologist, accountant, journalist, researcher, film maker
Footage	Psychology and art classes and students in a computer lab
Voice Over	Four-year colleges tend to have smaller campuses and classes. Universities offer a wider variety of courses and programs.
Footage	Khong on campus
Khong Xiong College Student	I wanted to go to a university that is diverse and I found that the University of Minnesota is one of them and close to home. I feel more comfortable going to a university and studying with people who are from different backgrounds.
Footage	Pictures taken of Khong during his semester in South America
Khong Xiong College Student	I studied abroad in South America. I went there for four months, which is a semester, in the fall of 2005. I learned a lot about myself.
Footage	Students having conversation in dormitory room
Voice Over	Most four-year schools have on-campus housing. Many first-year students live in dorms.
Footage	Macalester soccer and basketball practice and jazz band rehearsal
Voice Over	Also, four-year colleges and universities offer extra-curricular activities like sports, student councils, music groups, newspaper, or acting in plays. Not to mention, dances and special events going on all the time!
Footage	Khong studying

Khong Xiong College Student	Later on in the first semester of my freshman year, I was the director of Education Diversity for the Residential Hall that I lived in, and I was also the co-chair of the General College Student Board.
Footage	Macalester hip hop dance team practicing a new routine
Alessandra Williams College Student	I started the hip-hop dance team on the Macalester campus at the very end of my first year. That has just been so great for me at Macalester to have that team. It's just great. I love it.
On Screen Text	Wait!
Voice Over	But wait, there's more...! You don't have to stop at a four-year degree! The sky's the limit! You might go on to graduate school or earn a professional degree, like doctors and lawyers do!
On Screen Text	Pharmacist, librarian, physical therapist, doctor, lawyer, veterinarian, orthodontist, college professor, architect, agricultural engineer, civil engineer, astronomer, dentist, school counselor
Footage	Alessandra in class
Alessandra Williams College Student	Education is just so amazing and that's something I want to continue for myself, going to graduate school, law school...
Footage	Student doing a lab experiment and students tossing a football in a hall
Khong Xiong College Student	You know, college is not easy. You have to do some work, but also know that it's not just about studying; you're also there to have fun, explore by yourself.
Footage	Art class, students playing volleyball, graphic design and automotive classes
Rosalyn Fricke College Student	I know so many kids here who didn't think that they were going to be able to come for all different kinds of reasons: financial, or they thought it would be too much time; they thought they should go to work to help support themselves and family. And like all different kinds of barriers, but they've all overcome them.
Footage	Drafting, graphic design, and automotive classes
Jorge Ivan Colon-Acevedo College Student	I think in order to be successful and get through college, you have to have a certain level of determination and ambition that challenges you to step up to the plate and pull your own weight.
Footage	Surgical technology, plumbing, welding, and automotive classes
Shantia Matthews College Student	A college education is very important to me because I know that I can't succeed without one. In the job market today, you hear all the time that a high school diploma just isn't going to cut it. You need that higher learning because there's always somebody out there that's willing to do more than the next person. So it's really your responsibility to get the learning that you need.
Footage	Students doing a lab experiment and a graphic design class
Voice Over	Remember this! In the end.... Drum roll please: You need to choose a college that is just right for you! "How do I do that?" you ask. Simple! Just ask yourself a few questions:

Middle School Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this school offer the training I need for the career that interests me? • Does it matter how close or far away college is from home? • Does it matter if the campus has a lot of students or not? • Does it matter if the college is in a city, suburb, or small town? • How much will school cost?
Voice Over	Wait a minute!" you're thinking. "College isn't free?"
Footage	Student and father visiting college financial aid office
Voice Over	<p>Hmmm...no. But there is this thing called financial aid that may be available to help you pay for your college education. So don't rule out a school just based on the cost.</p> <p>To learn more about your college options and how to prepare and pay for college, be sure to visit www.getreadyforcollege.org</p> <p>Okay. Your move. It's your life!</p>
Footage	Teenage girl in yoga meditative position, eyes closed.
On Screen Text	Dream Big!
On Screen Text	<p>The Get Ready program is an early intervention, early college awareness program that provides the tools and motivation for elementary, middle and high school students to complete high school and pursue a college education.</p> <p>Get Ready is funded partially by the U.S. Department of Education through a federal grant called GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) and is administered by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.</p>
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