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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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: |

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| 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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