

KINDS OF COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

College: An institution that offers educational instruction beyond high school level in a two-year associates or four-year bachelors degree program.

Liberal Arts College: Four-year institution which emphasizes programs of broad undergraduate education. Pre-professional or professional training may be available but is not stressed.

Junior College/Community College: Two-year institutions of higher learning which offer Both vocational training and academic options. Students earn certificates (usually a one year program) or associate degrees. Programs leading directly to employment are considered terminal programs. Students intending to earn a four-year degree enroll in transfer programs.

Engineering or Technological College: Independent professional schools which provide four-year training programs in the fields of engineering and the physical sciences. They are often known as Institutes of Technology or Polytechnic Institutes.

University: An academic organization which grants undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of fields and which supports at least two degree granting professional schools that are not exclusively technological (such as medicine, journalism, or agriculture). It is composed of a number of "Schools" or "Colleges", each of which encompasses a general field of study.

Technical School: An institution which offers occupational programs intended to prepare students for immediate employment in fields related to engineering and/or various trade areas. Students may earn an Associates Degree or a certificate/diploma depending on the institution and length of program.

Nursing School: There are three kinds of nursing education. At schools affiliated with hospitals, students receive R.N. degrees upon completion of their training. At schools associated with two-year colleges, students receive both an A.S. degree and a R.N degree. At schools affiliated with four-year colleges, students receive both a B.S. degree and a R.N. degree and have possibilities of entering the field of nursing administration.

Military School: Federal military academies prepare officers for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Marines. These institutions (U.S. Army Academy in West Point, NY; U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD; Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY) require recommendation and appointment by members of Congress. The Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, as well as private and state supported military institutes, however, operate on a college application basis. They all offer degree programs in engineering and technology with concentration in various aspects of military science.