

# Finding a College

OK, now you have decided to go to college, but how do you choose the one that's best for you? Public and private colleges offer degrees in all areas of professional life. Degrees vary in time and cost, ranging from a two-year associate's degree for many skilled labor professions (e.g., nurse, mechanic) to a four-year bachelor's degree and beyond. The following chart comes from: Trends in College Pricing 2006, Table 2, Table 2: Sample Average Undergraduate Budgets, 2006-2007 (Enrollment Weighted) as found at [http://www.collegeboard.com/prod\\_downloads/press/cost06/trends\\_college\\_pricing\\_06.pdf](http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/press/cost06/trends_college_pricing_06.pdf) in May 2007.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES: A VERY SMART PLACE TO BEGIN YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION

Less money, less stress! Community colleges are known as "2 year" colleges because you can get an Associate Degree in 2 years. Community colleges are also a great springboard to a university to earn a bachelor's degree. Community colleges often offer extra support for students, who need help with academics, as well as working students and parents. Many offer excellent career certificates and licensing programs and they usually cost less than 4-year colleges and universities. You can find any community college in Wisconsin on this site: <http://www.univsource.com/wi.htm>

### Wisconsin Technical College System

<http://www.witechcolleges.com/>

Wisconsin has more than 16 Technical colleges and campuses throughout the state. These colleges offer certificate programs, associates degrees, and many classes that can transfer to a 4-year college.

## OTHER GOOD WEBSITES TO HELP SELECT A COLLEGE

### COMPASS GUIDE <HTTP://EPIC.CUIR.UWM.EDU/COMPASS/>

COMPASS Guide, which is managed by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, is a nonprofit collaboration whose mission is to increase post-secondary access for Milwaukee youth, especially those who are low-income, students of color or the first in their families to attend college. Great information on planning for college and a career, selecting a college, getting financial aid and scholarships, and much more.

### Student.gov <http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public>

A website designed to provide students with ease access to info and resources from the US government, including: choosing, applying, and financing the right college; learning about careers; and even finding volunteer opportunities and getting your passport.

### ACT College Net [http://www.act.org/college\\_search/fset\\_col\\_search.html](http://www.act.org/college_search/fset_col_search.html)

Search colleges by type (4 year, 2 year, voc tech, professional), region or state, name of institution, majors offered, size, type of institution (public or private), tuition, campus life, and/or average high school GPA or test scores. Then, view contact information, number of students, tuition, and info about admissions, financial aid, campus life, and academics for schools that match your needs. Links to online applications at participating colleges.

- **University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Career Transitions Center**

[http://www4.uwm.edu/alumni\\_friends/alumni\\_association/get\\_connected/career\\_connections.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/alumni_friends/alumni_association/get_connected/career_connections.cfm)

Career coaching and consulting as well as numerous courses designed to help you find and get your perfect job. There are also a number of great resources. Call for prices and information!

UWM School of Continuing Education, Sixth Floor, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave. 414/227-3243

- **Careers 4 Wisconsin** <http://www.careers4wi.org/index.asp>

Info on wages, employment statistics, job preparation, and available jobs.

- **Wisconsin Mentor** <http://www.wisconsinmentor.org/home.aspx>

Search careers and take career interest quizzes.

## Area colleges

University of Wisconsin-Rock County  
2909 Kellogg, Janesville, WI 53546  
[rckinfo@uwc.edu](mailto:rckinfo@uwc.edu) 758-6565  
<http://www.rock.uwc.edu/academics/>  
Contact: Julie Janiac-Fenton,  
758-6565, Ext. 480

Blackhawk Technical College  
Admissions (608) 757-7665  
<http://www.blackhawk.edu/>  
Contact: Margo Swan 743-4463 or  
Chris Pody 757-7724 or  
Linda Brown 757-7670

Madison Area Technical College  
(800) 322-6282 (toll-free in Wisconsin)  
(608) 246-6100  
<http://matcmadison.edu/matc/contactus/>

University of Wisconsin- Madison  
[onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu](mailto:onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu)  
608/262-3961  
<http://www.admissions.wisc.edu/>

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
800 Algoma Blvd. Oshkosh WI 5491  
920-424-1234 <http://www.uwosh.edu>

Carroll University  
Waukesha WI  
1-800-CARROLL\_262-524-7220  
[http://www.cc.edu/academics/](http://www.cc.edu/academics/ccinfo@cc.edu)  
[ccinfo@cc.edu](mailto:ccinfo@cc.edu)

Beloit College  
600 College St.  
Beloit WI 53511  
[beloit.edu](http://beloit.edu)  
[admiss@beloit.edu](mailto:admiss@beloit.edu)

Edgewood College  
1000 Edgewood College Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin 53711  
(800) 444-4861  
<http://www.edgewood.edu/aboutec/>