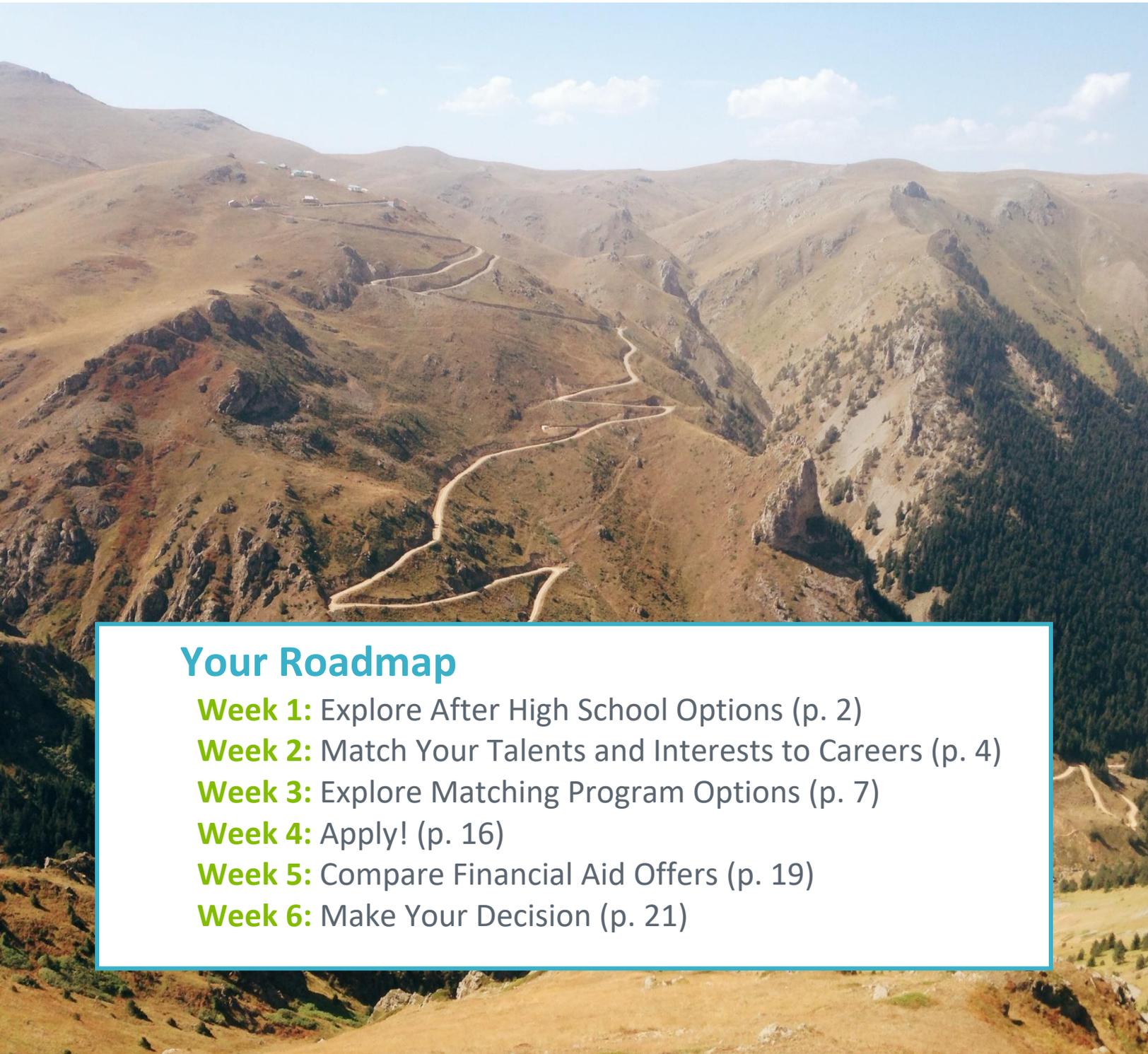


Senior Accelerator Series

Charting Your Path After High School



Your Roadmap

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WEEK 1

EXPLORE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY OPTIONS

Even if you didn't apply last fall, it's not too late to apply to a postsecondary program! There are many education options available to apply to after you graduate, including community colleges, technical schools, apprenticeships and military service.

Your Task: Use the College Admissions Tool to research postsecondary pathways.

STEP 1: Open the [College Admissions Tool](#). Sign in using your [CollegeInColorado.org](#) account and click **BUILD OPTIONS WIZARD**.

STEP 2: Click Four-year Colleges then select the **Benefits** and **Trade-offs** dropdown categories. Read through the items in these two categories.



STEP 3: Continue by clicking the other circles, including **Two-Year and Technical Colleges, Apprenticeships, Private Occupational & Technical Schools, U.S. Military** and **Direct to Work**. On each of these other after high school education options, look at their **Benefits** and **Trade-offs**.

STEP 4: Complete the chart below as you explore.

Option	Summarize Benefits	Summarize Trade-offs
Two-Year & Technical Colleges		
Apprenticeships		
Private Occupational & Technical Schools		
U. S. Military		

As you can see, each option has benefits and trade-offs. **Which one or two options are most appealing to you?** Record your choices below and discuss your reasons.

WEEK 2

MATCH YOUR TALENTS AND INTERESTS TO CAREERS

Choosing your career path can seem overwhelming, so we've developed tools to help! The Career Cluster Survey will help you identify your unique talents and interests and match them with a suggested career field.

Your Task: Use the Career Cluster Survey to identify three careers of interest.

STEP 1: Take the **Career Cluster Survey**. As you explore, save your favorite clusters to your portfolio.

[To navigate directly: **Career Planning > Learn About Yourself > Career Cluster Survey**.] If you've already completed the Career Cluster Survey, click **See your results now**.



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Learn About Yourself Explore Careers Get a Job Voices

Career Cluster Survey

The screenshot shows the Career Cluster Survey page. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options: Start, Activities You Like, Personal Qualities, School Subjects, and Your Clusters. The main content area has a heading: "Match your interests and personal qualities to Career Clusters to explore future options." Below this is a sub-heading: "Learn how the activities you like, your personal qualities and your favorite subjects are related to Career". A box indicates the duration: "Duration: 15-25 minutes to answer 7 survey questions". There is a "GET STARTED" button with a red arrow pointing to it. A red callout box says: "If you already took the Career Cluster Survey, click here to see your results!". Below this is a table with one row: "You previously completed the Career Cluster Survey on Jul 02, 2018" with a link "See your results now" and a red arrow pointing to the link.

STEP 2: Explore the results of your survey. Click the bar next to your top two clusters or any that sound interesting to read about Employment Outlook, Trends and Opportunities in those clusters.

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Career Cluster Survey

> Start

> Activities You Like
40 selected

> Personal Qualities
25 selected

> School Subjects
12 selected

> Your Clusters

CAREER FINDER

You can also combine your top career clusters with earnings, education level and other characteristics.

> Career Finder

YOUR TOP CLUSTER(S)

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
Planning, managing and providing legal, public safety, protective and homeland security services, including professional and technical support services.

- > Add to Portfolio
- > View careers in this cluster
- > View programs in this cluster
- > View high school course plan
- > View Business Operations industry information for this cluster

Manufacturing
Planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products, including related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering.

- > Add to Portfolio
- > View careers in this cluster
- > View programs in this cluster
- > View high school course plan
- > View Advanced Manufacturing industry information for this cluster

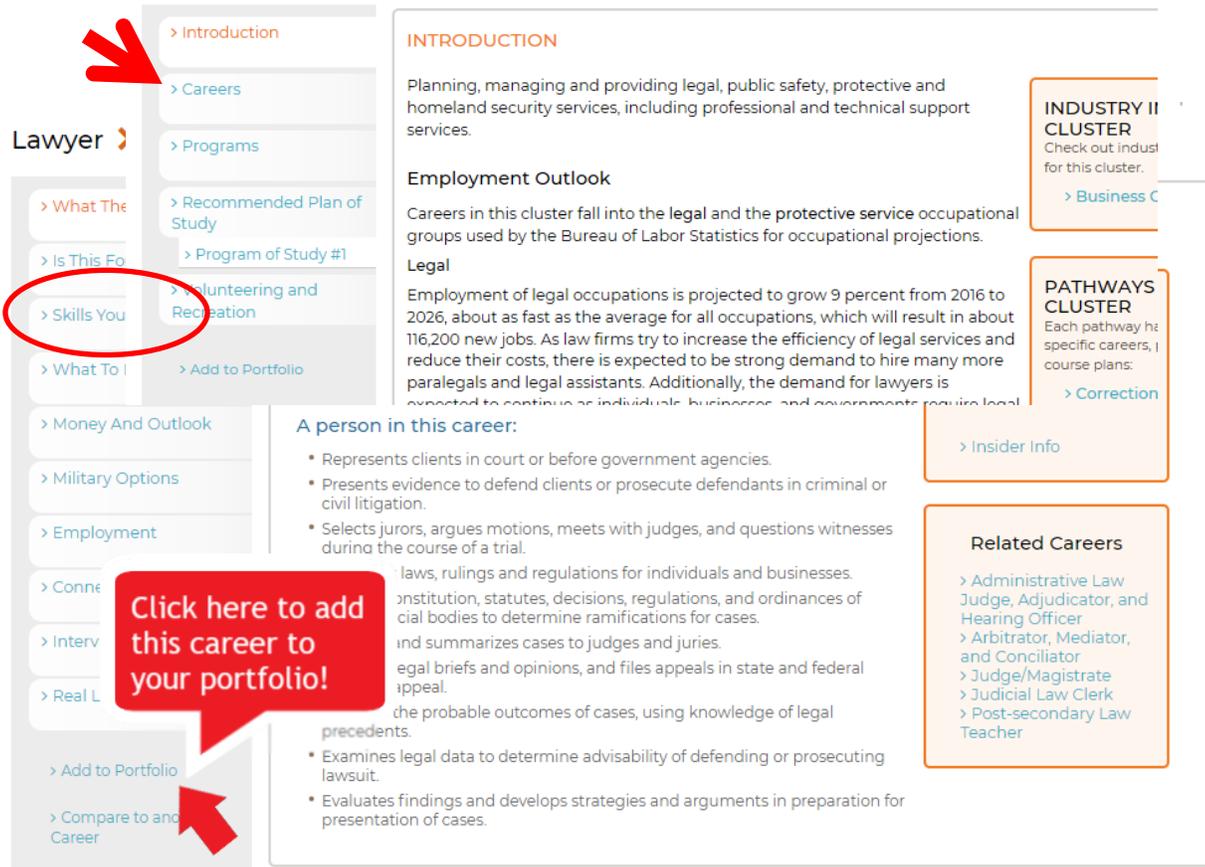
YOUR RANKING OF ALL CLUSTERS

Clusters	Score
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	100
Manufacturing	100
Transportation, Distribution and Logistics	85
Hospitality & Tourism	85
Management and Administration	85

STEP 3: Write a paragraph below about your top cluster results. Were you surprised? Why or why not? Click **Add to Portfolio** to save your favorite clusters.

STEP 4: Next, click the **Careers** tab for a cluster. Click on a career name and read about it using the tabs to the left.

Career Clusters > Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security



Lawyer

- > Introduction
- > Careers
- > Programs
- > Recommended Plan of Study
- > Program of Study #1
- > Volunteering and Recreation
- > Add to Portfolio
- > Money And Outlook
- > Military Options
- > Employment
- > Connections
- > Interview
- > Real Life
- > Add to Portfolio
- > Compare to another Career

INTRODUCTION

Planning, managing and providing legal, public safety, protective and homeland security services, including professional and technical support services.

Employment Outlook

Careers in this cluster fall into the legal and the protective service occupational groups used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for occupational projections.

Legal

Employment of legal occupations is projected to grow 9 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations, which will result in about 116,200 new jobs. As law firms try to increase the efficiency of legal services and reduce their costs, there is expected to be strong demand to hire many more paralegals and legal assistants. Additionally, the demand for lawyers is expected to continue as individuals, businesses, and governments require legal

INDUSTRY II CLUSTER
Check out industry clusters for this cluster.
> Business C

PATHWAYS CLUSTER
Each pathway has specific careers, 1 course plans:
> Correction

Related Careers

- > Administrative Law Judge, Adjudicator, and Hearing Officer
- > Arbitrator, Mediator, and Conciliator
- > Judge/Magistrate
- > Judicial Law Clerk
- > Post-secondary Law Teacher

A person in this career:

- Represents clients in court or before government agencies.
- Presents evidence to defend clients or prosecute defendants in criminal or civil litigation.
- Selects jurors, argues motions, meets with judges, and questions witnesses during the course of a trial.
- Interprets laws, rulings and regulations for individuals and businesses.
- Researches constitution, statutes, decisions, regulations, and ordinances of official bodies to determine ramifications for cases.
- Reviews and summarizes cases to judges and juries.
- Writes legal briefs and opinions, and files appeals in state and federal court.
- Researches the probable outcomes of cases, using knowledge of legal precedents.
- Examines legal data to determine advisability of defending or prosecuting lawsuit.
- Evaluates findings and develops strategies and arguments in preparation for presentation of cases.

Click here to add this career to your portfolio!

Step 5: Click **What to Learn to** read about majors and programs that will help you get the training and education needed to prepare for your career. University of Loyola Chicago has a major quiz that can help, too:

<https://www.luc.edu/undergrad/academiclife/whatsmymajorquiz/#>

STEP 6: Identify your top two career choices in this cluster and write down one thing that surprised you about that career. Write down your career cluster and career below, and if you have ideas, possible majors and/or programs of study.

Career 1: _____

Career 2: _____

Want to explore more careers?
 Colorado has plenty of training options in industries looking for talent.
 Learn how to get started by choosing a career pathway that leads to an in-demand job with [Careers In Colorado](#).

WEEK 3

IDENTIFY COMMUNITY COLLEGES, CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS APPRENTICESHIPS AND MILITARY SERVICE

This week, you'll use online tools to come up with a list of matching schools and programs to where you might apply.

Your Task: Use online tools to identify possible options after high school.

STEP 1: Think back to your pathways and career exploration. In the table below, enter your four top careers in the first column and then list two programs for each career that sounds interesting.

*Hint: Enter the career name in the search box at CollegelInColorado.org, and then, from the Career Profile, click the **What to Learn** tab.*

Career	Level of Education*	Program of Study/Major
1.		
2.		

*Associate degree, certificate, military or apprenticeship

STEP 2: Start exploring!

We have tools to help you explore matches for each of these pathways. Click the links below and follow the directions to get started!

- [Community colleges](#) (two-year associate degrees and certificates)
- [Private occupational schools](#) (certificates)
- [Military branches](#) (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard)

STEP 3: Once you've explored your options, [jot them down in this handy chart](#) at the back of this packet. This will help you narrow down where you want to apply in the fall of your senior year.

Explore Community Colleges

STEP 1: From the CIC homepage, navigate to the **College Planning > Explore Postsecondary Schools > School Finder**.

STEP 2: Use the menu on the left side of your screen to filter by dozens of criteria. Click **School Type** and select **Two-Year**, then **Programs/Majors Offered** to select the postsecondary program(s) you identified earlier. When you finish inputting a couple of criteria, scroll down and click **See Matching Schools**. *Hint: Pick only two or three criteria for best results.*

STEP 3: Your criteria will generate a list of matching schools. To learn more, click on the two-year institution names.

- > Test Preference
- > GPA
- > ACT Scores
- > SAT Scores
- > Admissions Policies
- > Advanced Placement
- > International Baccalaureate
- > Applicant Selection Criteria
- Costs And Financial Aid**
- > Tuition
- > Tuition Plus Room & Board
- > Tuition Payment Plans
- > Need-based Scholarships/Grants
- > Non-need-based Scholarships/Grants
- Academics**
- ✓ Programs/Majors Offered
- > Special Academic Programs
- > Student to Faculty Ratio
- Student Body**
- > Cultural Diversity
- > At Home or Away
- > Gender Balance
- Sports**
- > Intercollegiate Sports
- Campus Life & Services**
- > Extracurricular Activities
- > Student Housing
- > Housing Policies and Services
- > Health and Family Services
- > Learning Assistance Services
- > Physically Disabled Services
- > Computer Facilities
- Career Connect**
- > Career Services
- > Working During School
- > Clear your choices and start again
- > Save your current search as:

13 College in Colorado schools match all of these characteristics

School	Type	Tuition	Number of Students	Online Application	
Adams State University Alamosa, CO	Four-Year, Two-Year, Graduate	\$5,592	3,347	-	Compare your selections
Aims Community College - Greeley Campus Greeley, CO	Two-Year	\$2,021	5,183	-	Compare your selections
Arapahoe Community College Littleton, CO	Two-Year	\$4,106	9,618	-	Compare your selections
Colorado Mountain College - Spring Valley Campus Glenwood Springs, CO	Four-Year, Two-Year	\$2,970	6,995	-	Compare your selections
Community College of Aurora Aurora, CO	Two-Year	\$4,106	-	-	Compare your selections
Community College of Denver Denver, CO	Two-Year	\$4,106	9,130	-	Compare your selections
Front Range Community College - Boulder County Campus Longmont, CO	Two-Year	\$4,106	3,523	-	Compare your selections
Front Range Community College - Larimer Campus Fort Collins, CO	Two-Year	\$4,106	8,425	-	Compare your selections
Front Range Community College - Westminster Campus Westminster, CO	Two-Year	\$4,106	18,747	-	Compare your selections
Northeastern Junior College Sterling, CO	Two-Year	\$4,107	1,469	-	Compare your selections
Otero Junior College La Junta, CO	Two-Year	\$4,107	-	-	Compare your selections
Red Rocks Community College Lakewood, CO	Two-Year	\$4,107	-	-	Compare your selections
Trinidad State Junior College Trinidad, CO	Two-Year	\$4,107	-	-	Compare your selections

[> See all schools](#)

Explore Certificate Programs

You can earn a certificate at a two-year institution or a private occupational school, such as an coding or culinary school. To find a program of interest near you, navigate to the [Colorado Training Providers Website](#).

STEP 1: When you arrive at [Colorado Training Providers Website](#), click **Explore Careers**.

STEP 2: Click the general career area you would like to pursue. Then select your pathway, occupation and program of study (shown on the following page).

If you know what general career area you would like to pursue, click on it below. You can find more careers relate to a program of study.

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 Management & Administration	 Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness	 Government & Public Administration	 Manufacturing
 Finance	 Health Science	 Human Services	 Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
 Energy	 Marketing	 Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	 Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
 Information Technology	 Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	 Hospitality & Tourism	 Architecture & Construction
			

SELECT PATHWAY	SELECT OCCUPATION	SELECT PROGRAM OF STUDY
Audio/Video Technology & Film Pathway >	Legal Support Workers, All Other >	Legal Assistant/Paralegal.
Construction Pathway >	Paralegals and Legal Assistants >	
Emergency & Fire Management Services Pathway >	Title Examiners, Abstractors, and Searchers >	
Law Enforcement Services Pathway >		
Legal Services Pathway >		
Security & Protective Services Pathway >		

STEP 3: You should see a list of available programs. Use the menus to the left to narrow down your options by zip code and cost. Under the **Credential** filter, be sure to select **Certificate**. Once you find a program that works for you, click on the link. This will take to a webpage with more information about the program.

COTrainingProviders.org
My Favorites 0

Filter Results

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

DISTANCE FROM PROVIDER

Zip Code

< 60 miles

60 - 150 miles

> 150 miles

Programs 100% online

TOTAL COST

< \$1000

\$1000 - \$5000

> \$5000

CREDENTIAL

Certificate

Associates - Liberal Arts (A.A.S.)

Work-Based Credential

Associates - General Studies (A.G.S.)

Bachelor of Science

Master of Arts

Master of Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy

Use these filters to narrow your results!

[Public Administration](#)

[Explore Careers/Program Connection](#)

Program Category: Legal

Sort by: PROGRAM ▾

PROGRAM	PROVIDER	CREDENTIAL	COMMUTING AREA	FUNDING ELIGIBLE	TOTAL COST (\$)	DURATION	SELECT
5947 - Legal Technician Certificate	589 - Pikes Peak Community College - Main Location <i>Public 2 yr</i>	Certificate	9 Y	\$4,458	2		
5936 - Paralegal	578 - Colorado Mountain College - Online <i>Community College 100% Online</i>	Certificate	1 Y 2 Y 3 Y 5 Y 6 Y See All ▾	\$3,240	540 hrs	Add to Favorites	
5934 - Paralegal Certificate	580 - Arapahoe Community College - Main Location	Certificate	1 Y 2 Y 3 Y 4 Y 5 Y	\$6,428	45 wks	Add to Favorites	

You may be able to receive funding from the [Workforce Center](#) in region 9 to take this program – contact them!

STEP 4: Use the **Program Overview** information to find the program website and program contact. Click the **Provider Details** tab to learn more about the organization provider the training.

264 - GALVANIZE, INC.

<http://www.galvanize.com/> | (303) 823-4170

Galvanize, Inc. - Denver-Platte, Galvanize Inc., Denver CO 80202 [map](#)

7541 - Web Development Foundations with JavaScript

AWARD TYPE
CERTIFICATE

PROGRAM DETAILS
PROVIDER DETAILS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM PROVIDER	Galvanize, Inc.
PROGRAM CIP CODE	11.0801
PROGRAM CIP TITLE	Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design. 
PROGRAM WEBSITE	http://www.galvanize.com/courses/web-development-foundations-with-javascript/
PROGRAM CONTACT	enrollment@galvanize.com 
DESCRIPTION	Galvanize's Web Development Foundations with JavaScript Workshop program is designed to give individuals an understanding how to code using JavaScript to provide dynamic front-end coding features and enhancements o the user's interaction with the web page. The curriculum provides the foundation for coding with JavaScript using variables, arrays, conditions, and functions. It also covers working with jQuery in order for the JS scripting to interact with the content of a web page. The tools and techniques that we teach are the ones that industry partners regularly tell us are the most important in learning the basics of JavaScript.
DURATION	32 Hours
PREREQUISITE SKILLS	This program is for beginners!
AVAILABLE FOR ENROLLMENT	Available
PROGRAM TOTAL CONTACT HOURS	32

Explore Military Service

STEP 1: Review the requirements to join the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

To join the **enlisted ranks**, in general you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or **Green Card** holder
 - Non-citizens must speak, read and write English fluently
 - Non-citizens must currently live in the U.S.
- Be in good health
- Be at least 17 years old
- Have a high school diploma (some branches will accept a GED)
- Pass the **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test

To become an **officer**:

- Graduate from one of the U.S. service academies. The academies are colleges that train future commissioned officers.
 - **United States Military Academy** — Army
 - **United States Naval Academy** — Navy and Marine Corps
 - **United States Coast Guard Academy**
 - **United States Merchant Marine Academy**
 - **United States Air Force Academy**
Learn how to apply to academy [here](#).
- You can also **earn an officer commission** through:
 - **Officer Candidate School (OCS)**
 - **Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)**
 - A direct commission from the enlisted ranks
 - Certain legal, medical, or clergy professions

STEP 2: Talk with a recruiter for the military branch you wish to join.

STEP 3: If you're ready to enlist, schedule (with your recruiter) your visit to a [Military Entrance Processing Station \(MEPS\)](#) to start the process. To join, you will need to

- Take and pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- Pass the physical examination
- Meet with a career counselor
- Take the oath to serve

Explore Apprenticeships

If you have selected a career that may have an apprenticeship option, you can prepare to land an apprenticeship in much the same way as a job.

STEP 1: Try out pre-apprenticeship and pre-vocational courses to gain some skills

- Ask your high school counsellor or advisor about career and technical education programs and courses (CTE).
- Pre-apprenticeship and pre-vocational courses can help you try out a trade or job and get some valuable experience. You'll do some classroom learning that can earn credit towards a full apprenticeship.
- Courses are usually at Certificate II level. If you are currently looking for work, there are [courses available](#) that can help you.

STEP 2: Find an employer who will take you on as an apprentice or trainee.

- Talk to local businesses and find out how they recruit for apprentices or trainees. An employer in your area might be looking for someone right now. Check the [Apprenticeship Finder](#) or visit [ApprenticeshipEvolution.com](#) or find employers registered to take on apprentices or trainees in your field of your choice.
- Check advertisements in newspapers: is anyone looking for apprentices or trainees? The employment section is the best place to start. Remember that some newspapers have online job ads that you can search as well.
- Try online job sites such as [Colorado ZipRecruiter](#) or [Craigslislist](#). Look for businesses that have openings for jobs in your career – they may be looking for apprentices or trainees.
- Check with your school advisor to see if your district has [CareerWise Apprenticeships](#) or other apprenticeships available.

Putting it All Together

Write down a list of options, including community colleges, career and technical schools, military branches or apprenticeship programs that you plan to apply to!

Postsecondary Option*	Program/Major(s) Ideas

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Community college, private occupational school, apprenticeship or military branch name

WEEK 4

APPLY!

Now that you identified programs that match your interests, it's time to apply!

STEP 1: Get organized!

We have checklists to help you get ready to apply. Fill them out and reach out to your counselor if you have any questions.

- [Community colleges](#) (two-year associate degrees and certificates)
- [Private occupational schools](#) (certificates)
- [Military branches](#) (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard)
- [Apprenticeships](#)

Associate's (Two-Year) Application Checklist		
Program:		
School:		
Information/Document Needed	Do I have it available?	Notes
My Social Security Number (YES or NO – <i>don't write your SSN here</i>)		
My address and contact information		
The academic program I want to study		
Citizenship/Visa information		
Tasks	Deadline	Notes
Apply		

Most community colleges, two-year and occupational/technical schools have open admissions. If you have a high school diploma or GED, typically you will automatically be admitted into these institutions.

Certificate Application Checklist		
Program:		
College or School:		
I want to apply by:		
Information/Document Needed	Do I have it available?	Notes
My Social Security Number (YES or NO: <i>do not write your SSN number here</i>)		
My address and contact information		
The academic program I want to study		
Citizenship/Visa information		
Tasks	Deadline	Notes
Apply		

Military Application Checklist		
Branch:		
Information/Document Needed	Do I have it available?	Notes
My citizenship information		
Task	Deadline	Notes
Meet with recruiter; commit to serve		
Review sample ASVAB questions		
Set visit date to Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS)		
Pass the ASVAB test		
Pass the physical exam		

Apprenticeship Application Checklist		
Program:		
Company/Organization:		
Tasks	Deadline	Notes
List of options (research Apprenticeship Finder , Zip Recruiter, CareerWise, etc.)		
My resume		
Letter of recommendation from a mentor		
Cover letter		

WEEK 5

COMPARE FINANCIAL AID OFFERS

Now that you've applied, **how** you'll pay for your school of choice will be a big factor in your final decision. Follow the directions below to evaluate financial considerations of your top choices.

Your Task: Use the tools and Award Comparison Chart below to evaluate the financial impact of your decision.

STEP 1: Fill out the Award Comparison Chart on the following page.

- **Gather your offer letters:** Before you begin, gather your acceptance letters from each school. If you filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the school's financial aid office should have sent you an **offer letter** that outlines the financial aid support they can provide you, including scholarships, grants, work study opportunities and student loans. Enter the school name and the information from each offer in the **Choice** columns.
- **Cost of Attendance:** Add up the costs in the first table. This gives you the total cost of attendance for each school of choice.
- **Financial Aid Awarded:** Add up any grants, scholarships, work study and loan opportunities in the second table to get the total financial aid award for each school.
- Enter the amount of money from savings you can contribute in the **Savings for Education** area.

Putting It All Together: Add your **Total Financial Aid and Savings** for each school. Subtract this total from the cost of attendance to figure out the **Left to Pay** amount. If your **Left to Pay** amount is greater than \$0, you or your parents may want to consider additional loans. Multiply your annual loan amount by two or your depending on how many years you will attend school.

If you're attending a Colorado college, university or technical school, you will be eligible for a stipend through the **Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF)**. Check the [COF website](#) to see the current stipend amount per credit hour and multiply that by the number of credit hours you plan to take. A full-time student takes anywhere from 12-15 credits per semester (about four or five classes).

STEP 2: Use the [SLOPE Calculator](#) to assess student loan payments.

The **SLOPE Calculator** helps you compare the salary of careers you may land when you get out of college to your student loan payment burden. Keep in mind that debt isn't always bad. Depending on your career field, you can expect to pay off any student loan debt in a manageable timeframe. In fact, students who take on a **moderate** amount of debt tend to finish college faster than those who do not. Experts recommend that no more than 8 percent of your future **take home** pay should go to student loans.

Look at your SLOPE findings. Are you skiing the greens, blues or blacks? If your percentage of loan burden is high, you may want to think about whether your career choice matches the expense of school you plan to attend. Are there less expensive school alternatives that will offer you a great education?

You can also complete the information on the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau tool](#) to see the financial impact of your financial aid package down the road.

Award Comparison Letter
COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL
SCHOOLS

Choice #1

Choice #2

Choice #3

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COST OF ATTENDANCE

Hint: Make sure that all your entries use the same length of time; for example, one school year.

Tuition & Fees		
Room & Board		
Books & Supplies		
Personal		
Health Insurance		
Transportation		
TOTAL COST		

FINANCIAL AID AWARDED

Grants/Scholarships		
College Opportunity Fund (COF)*		
Pell Grant		
Other Grant(s)		
Private Scholarship		
Private Scholarship		
Other Scholarships		
Work Study/Student Employment		
Subtotal Free Aid (Do not pay back)		
Loans		
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan		
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan		
Other Loans		
Subtotal Loans (Must pay back)		
Other (e.g., Parent PLUS Loan)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID		
SAVINGS FOR EDUCATION		

LEFT TO PAY: Total Cost – (Total Financial Aid + Savings)		
Loan Debt after 2 years: enter Subtotal Loans X 2		
Loan Debt after 4 years: enter Subtotal Loans X 4		
Estimated monthly loan payment after completion – See SLOPE calculator		

*COF may already be deducted from Tuition and Fees. If so, do not include it here.

WEEK 6

MAKE YOUR DECISION

Now that you’ve finished applying, you will need to decide among your options! To jog your memory, write down your top three choices.

Education and Training Option	Planned Program/Major(s)

STEP 1: Read all about your schools of interest above by using the following resources as applicable:

Colorado Bachelor’s	Colorado Associate	Certificates	Out-of-State Schools	Military
<u>College Admissions Tool</u>	<u>College Admissions Tool</u>	<u>Colorado Training Providers</u>		<u>Army</u> <u>Navy</u>
<u>College In Colorado</u>	<u>College In Colorado</u>	<u>College In Colorado</u>	<u>College In Colorado</u>	<u>Marines</u>
<u>College Navigator</u>	<u>College Navigator</u>	<u>College Navigator</u>	<u>College Navigator</u>	<u>Air Force</u>

STEP 2: Think about your career and program preferences. Is the education option in your program/major area? How does it stack up on cost vs. benefits to you?

Other important things to note as you review options:

- Does it offer the level of education and major/program you need?
- Are there clubs and organizations that interest you?
- How big is the college? Are classes large or small?
- What’s the housing situation like? Will you live on campus, in an apartment nearby or at home?

If you have the time, it’s wise to visit the campus or military recruiter to get a better sense of the student experience. Ask the school if you can sit in on a class or talk to a professor in your planned program. Many schools offer virtual visits, too.

