

There are several factors to consider when deciding on the next steps after high school. Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Apprenticeship training? College, university, polytechnic?

With so many choices, we know it can be overwhelming finding the right fit for you. This tool should help you quickly learn the key elements about different institutions and compare them. Be sure to also check out Questions to ask Recruiters and Your ELAA Guide in the resources section of the ELAA webpage.

### POST-SECONDARY COMPARISON CHART

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**INSTITUTION TYPE**  
(UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE,  
POLYTECHNIC, ETC)

**LOCATION**  
(DISTANCE FROM HOME,  
URBAN VS SUBURBAN VS  
RURAL)

**SIZE**  
(ENROLLMENT,  
PHYSICAL SIZE OF  
CAMPUS)

**ADMISSIONS  
REQUIREMENTS**  
(DEADLINES, COMPETITIVE,  
AVG. SCORES)

**ACADEMIC**  
(YOUR MAJOR IS OFFERED, HS COURSES REQUIRED, TYPICAL CLASS SIZES)

**FINANCIAL AID**  
(DEADLINE, ENTRANCE AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS)

**COST**  
(TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD, BUDGET, APPLICATION FEES)

**HOUSING**  
(RESIDENCE HALLS, FOOD, FRESHMEN ONLY, ETC.)

**CAMPUS VISIT**  
(WHEN, TOUR, OPEN HOUSE DATES)

**SUPPORT SERVICES**  
(ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, CLUBS, ACCOMMODATIONS)