



WEEK 2:

Scope out my education options

During Week 2, adult learners will understand credentials and degrees and explore basic education and training options.

Learning Objective: Participants will explore how education credentials work and their relationship to time spent to obtain one. In addition, adults will find out whether their career choice(s) requires state licensure after education completion. User can select or deselect other Week 2 goals to further explore options that follow a high school diploma or high school equivalency including:

- a certificate (one year or less education option)
- a two-year education option
- a four-year education option
- I may have college credit I can use
- an apprenticeship
- military service
- going directly to work

MCJ/Partner Tools: College Admissions Tool, COTrainingProviders.org (ETPL), Apprenticeship Directory

CAM Activity: Participants will understand and reflect on the tradeoffs and benefits of various education and training experiences including what program options and careers are generally available with any given credential type. If the career of their choice requires a license to work in Colorado, they will find out what type of licensure it requires.

Tips for Success:

- Remind participants that they can select to complete only those goals (the education options listed above) in which they are interested
- Adults that may have been out of school for a time may be dubious about their ability to gain acceptance to a four-year school; looking into “open enrollment” options (community college and certificate programs) can be a great restart on their educational path
- Encourage the individuals that you work with to log into their My Colorado Journey accounts to complete their activities to ensure that their work is being saved.



What the research says:

It's important for participants to explore many postsecondary options so they can make informed decisions. A 2017 Gallup survey found that about half of all U.S. adults would change at least one of the decisions they made along their education path, whether that's choosing a different major or field of study, a different institution or another degree type. What's more, people who completed a trade or technical program were more positive about their education decisions than individuals with an associate or bachelor's degree. The activities this week will help adults think deeply about their options so they enroll in the right program.