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| **MFIP EDUCATION & TRAINING GUIDE** |

Consider the items below when interested in attending post-secondary education.

**Please keep in mind**. It is important to balance information provided by a school with an employer perspective when researching a career. To the extent possible, utilize the WIOA Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) when identifying training. The ETPL can be found at [www.mn.gov/deed/careers](http://www.mn.gov/deed/careers) Use the data tool Education At the bottom of the search check the WIOA certified only box. These schools are license, registered, or exempt with the state agency that regulates the industry’s training.

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| **School Information** | |
| Name of School: | Length of Training: |
| Job/Occupation of Interest: | |
| Number of credits required: | Total tuition cost per year: |
| Job Requirements (experience & education, if applicable): | |

1. Why did you select this occupation and do you think this occupation is a good fit for you? Why?
2. Have you applied to the school and/or already been accepted into the school? No Yes
3. Have you completed your financial aid packet? <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

No Yes, if yes provide a copy of award letter

1. What is the amount covered by Pell grants & State grants?
2. What is the amount of the school loan you will be responsible for?
3. Is tutoring or other support services available? No Yes
4. Is there an internship/volunteer requirement? No Yes
5. Upon completion, is there a test you must pass to receive a certificate/certification? No Yes
6. Is placement assistance available from the school? No Yes
7. What is the placement rate for this program at this school?
8. What is the average rate of pay for their graduates?
9. Do you have enough money to cover your costs while you are in school? No Yes
10. If not, what is your plan to cover the costs of school and other expenses?
11. Does the occupation enable you to meet your financial obligations? No Yes
12. Criminal history? No Yes, if yes, please explain the potential effect on school/training/job.

**Career research & Financial Aid/scholarship websites**

* [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org): Minnesota’s career, education & job resource
* <https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/>: MN DEED job search resources.
* [www.mynextmove.org/](http://www.mynextmove.org/): Career search tool & interest assessment.
* [www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](http://www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa): Financial aid staff at your school can help with the financial aid application & explain the types of aid.
* [www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=888](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=888): Guide to federal & MN financial aid programs.
* [www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx): Scholarships, fellowships, grants and other financial aid opportunities.
* <https://studentaid.gov/>: Learn how to prepare for college, what type of aid is available, how to apply for financial aid and manage loans.

**When you are accepted into the school of your choice & receive your financial aid package:**

1. Examine the tuition bill & make sure you understand all the fees & how they will be paid (ex. scholarships, student loans)
2. Compare the bill to your financial aid package to ensure you have funds to cover tuition & book costs.
3. Speak with the school’s financial aid office & MFIP Employment Counselor for assistance/advice if you do not have sufficient funds to cover tuition.