



**A Better Future ...
Through Quality
Education**

Good to Know!

• **Public Night** for parents and guardians: Monday, October 17th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

• What is **PSE**? *Post - Secondary Education* refers to various education opportunities, such as college, university, trades and apprenticeship, that follows high school graduation.

• What is **AARAO**? The goal of the *Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers* is to create connections among students, parents, guidance counsellors, college and university representatives.

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AARAO Moncton Tour

Exploring Post-Secondary Education

Student Resource Guide

Moncton Coliseum, October 17 & 18, 2016

Need Help to Decide What to Do After High School?

Welcome to the AARAO Moncton Tour! This is a great opportunity for students to meet with recruiters and representatives from many Atlantic Canadian universities and colleges.

Determining what you want to do after high school is a personal and sometimes stressful process!

Ask yourself ... If I could have any job what would it be? Why? Think about the possibilities! Don't let any barriers hold you back.



Take time to think about what you like to do. Dream and imagine ideal careers. Explore your interests, values, aptitudes, likes and dislikes, and favourite school subjects.

Research the careers that interest you on websites listed in this document.

Talk to adults about their career decisions and paths.

There are many possibilities to consider following graduation from high school. The following are common options. Can you think of others?

- ◆ Join the Military
- ◆ Start an Apprenticeship program
- ◆ College or University (fulltime or part-time)
- ◆ Enter the Workforce
- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Study as an exchange student in a foreign country

Getting Prepared for the 2016 AARAO Moncton Tour

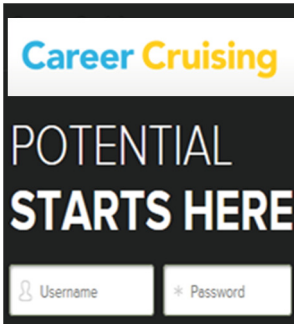
- Before you arrive at the Coliseum, develop a plan. Which PSE institutions and programs do you want to learn more about?
- Think about questions you would like to ask, such as entrance requirements, length of program, program features (Co-op, internship, study

abroad, practicum), tuition and other fees, size of PSE, location (urban v. rural), resources available for supporting student learning, size of first year classes, scholarships, and services available on campus (e.g. computer facilities, residence, athletic centre, library, cafeteria, counselling, medical, etc.).

- Talk with the recruiters and fill out information cards so they can contact you later.
- Collect brochures, booklets and view-books for future reference. Take recruiters' business cards in case you want to ask them more questions at a later date.
- Record your notes on page 4.

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College & University ... Same but Different?



✍️ Research and explore different career options and identify educational pathways at careercruising.com

✍️ Answer questions that match interests with potential careers. Investigate the A-Z career listing. Explore PSE programs related to subject cluster or job sector.

✍️ Contact your high school for username and password information.



NB ChatterHigh Competition is a fun way to explore labour markets, post-secondary programs and health/financial information while fundraising for your school. Participate from September 19 to October 28, 2016. Visit <http://explore.chatterhigh.com/nb-competition/>

University Demystified

Degree programs usually require four years of study; students enter a **faculty** (e.g. sciences, arts, music, etc.). During the second year students select a **Major**, which means 50% of courses are in one subject area. Sometimes students will have a **Minor** where 25% of courses are in one subject area.

In a **Bachelor's** (or *Undergraduate*) **degree**, students may learn job ready skills and directly enter the workforce (e.g. B.N., B.Eng.) or further their education to earn professional qualifications to become pharmacist, teacher, dentist, etc.

Master's degree follows a Bachelor's and is also known as a *Graduate* degree.

College Considerations

College education develops skills and qualifications that lead directly to the work force. A **Diploma** is awarded following 1 or 2 year(s) of study.

College programs are organized according to employment sector, some examples include: Business, Hospitality & Tourism, Expressive Arts, Trades, Transportation, Technology, Health, Social & Protective Services.

Public Colleges offer many programs in different campus locations. Regional institutions include *New Brunswick Community College* (6 campuses), *New Brunswick College of Craft & Design* (Fredericton), *Nova Scotia Community College* (14

campuses), *Holland College* (8 campuses across PEI), and *College of the North Atlantic* (18 campuses in Newfoundland & Labrador). Public colleges receive funding from government; consequently, have lower tuition fees.

Private Colleges, sometimes called *Career* or *Vocational* colleges, feature programs that often focus on a specific employment sectors. Some examples of Moncton area colleges: *Oulton*, *Eastern*, *BayTech*, *Jon Raymond*, *Majestany*, *McKenzie*, *Medes*, *Medavie HealthEd*, *Moncton Flight College*. These are private businesses and do not receiving special funding from government; therefore, tuition tends to be higher because fees must cover all operating expenses.

Combining College and University Studies

What are **University Transfer, Articulation Agreements** and **2 + 2 Programs**?

These are formalized agreements between universities and colleges that allow students to combine college experience with university study then graduate with a Bachelor's degree. These agreements recognize college coursework or credits can be applied towards university degree.

The most common Bachelor's degrees (with examples of majors) that can be started directly following high school graduation:

Arts - B.A. History, English, Gender Studies, Languages, Political Science, Philosophy

Commerce or Business Administration - B.Comm. or B.B.A. Finance, Accounting, Marketing, Management, Entrepreneurship, Humans Resources, Economics

Computer Science - B.C.Sc. Geographic Information, Software Development, E-Commerce, Software Engineering

Engineering - B.Eng. Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial

Fine Arts - B.F.A. Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textiles, Jewelry, Ceramics, Fashion, Art History, Art Education

Kinesiology - B.Kin. Sports Psychology, Exercise Physiology, Health Promotion and Wellness

Music - B.M. Theory, Composition, Music History, Music Education, Performance

Nursing - B.N. Prepares graduates to write the National Licence Examination.

Science - B.Sc. Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Environmental, Marine

