

**My Educational Path**  
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Education is the process of exercising the prefrontal cortex, through the writing and reading comprehension processes. In today's society the credential of obtaining a postsecondary; certificate, diploma or degree is held on a pedestal. Every individual is on a life long journey. My journey has brought this pen and paper, to allow me to share my educational goals. The goals in my interest are: apply to college, apply to a college/university bridging program, and then apply to university.

Firstly, I am applying to the Pre-health Science program, offered at Fanshawe College. To increase my chances I will also apply to Lambton College as well as Conestoga College. After completion of Pre-health Science, I plan on working towards a Dental Hygiene certificate and diploma. So after four years I will seek employment along with career experience.

Secondly, I have more than just one career interest. The other career that catches my interest is becoming a history teacher. Why? I believe the event of the past greatly affects the outcomes of our future. So, to achieve my second career goal I must take the history bridging program at Humber College.

The final hurdle, to jump over is attending university, to fulfill my second career choice. The second career choice I have considered is becoming a history teacher. I will need to obtain my bachelors degree, which will be an additional four years of post-secondary school. To be eligible to receive a salary hike I will be interested in achieving my Masters degree. Being able to attain not one but, two degrees will self assert my dreams of my future career choices are self fulfilled. Then I must follow up with going back to college but university to be eligible to attain my teaching degree. To attain my teaching degree it is mandatory I attend teachers college, but

it is offered at university, to get into this additional program, the applicant must attain a grade point average (GPA) of ninety percent. So, due to the changing averages that are recommended for the program, I will aim for a higher goal, than for just the average. I can attend teacher's college through any university, but depending on where I choose to go the program can vary from an additional one to two years.

To be eligible for two careers, I must attain a post-secondary school education, two for college and two for university. I must take, Pre-health science at Fanshawe College, and then apply into the Dental hygiene program where I will be able to achieve my Dental hygiene certificate. From there I will pursue a Dental hygiene diploma, then the bridging program offered at Humber College in the history department. After taking the bridging program it is mandatory I take the history program at Western or Sir Wilfred Laurier Universities, so I am able to achieve my Bachelors degree for an additional four years as well as teachers college which in addition to the university history program is an additional one to two years. All together, my schooling will be twelve years. I believe education is necessary to obtain a well off life as well as a career or a few careers that will have you enjoy life. I also believe a well off salary is beneficial in my life so I am able to give back to those who do not have what I do, and to fulfill my individual wants and needs.

Through the journey of my life, it is most important to remember what makes you who you are, and what makes you as an individual happy. We as different people require different wants and needs that need to be fulfilled. I believe it is important to choose a career or careers that better suit your personality and life style. I enjoy helping people who have trouble, so these two careers give me the chance to help others, while practicing my schooling knowledge. Thank you for this wonderful sharing opportunity.