

The Princeton Review

2-Year & 4-Year Colleges



Introductions

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Who We Are

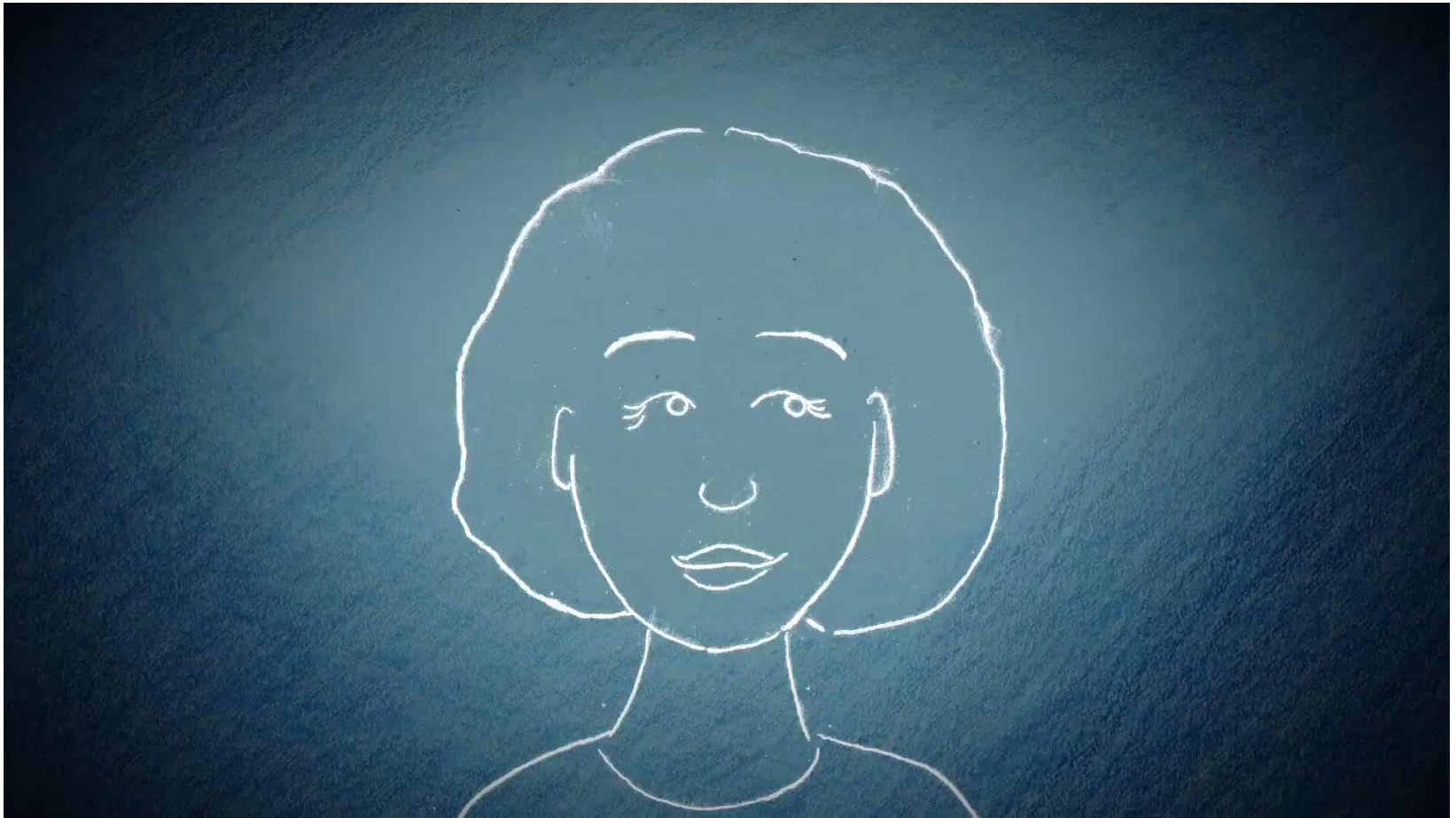
- The Princeton Review helps students at every stage of their educational careers.
- Classroom courses in 41 states and 21 countries.
- Private and Small Group Tutoring programs.
- We provide PSAT, SAT, SAT subject tests, ACT, AP subject, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, USMLE, and TOEFL preparation.
- We publish a series of test preparation books, including the best-selling *Cracking the SAT*.
- New software technologies such as handhelds, iPhone applications and podcasts.

Post-Secondary Options

- 4-year accredited colleges and universities
- 2-year colleges (community and junior colleges)
- Technical and trade schools
- Art and music schools
- Military
- Full/part-time work

Post-Secondary Options

2-Year Colleges & Universities



Post-Secondary Options

2-Year Colleges & Universities

- These are your junior and community colleges
- Earn an Associate's degree or certificate
- Costs are approximately \$50-100/credit hour
- Full time student tuition is often less than \$1,500 per semester
- Must choose a major course of study
- Can choose a certificate program
- Part-time and full-time attendance available

2-Year Colleges & Universities

Pros

- Cheapest and most flexible post-secondary option (tuition, room and board)
- Can easily transfer to 4-year institution
- Good for students with limited focus
- Good for students who have intentions of going for a professional degree
- Can do very specific program that leads to a job afterwards
- Can finish prerequisites before going onto a 4-year institution

Cons

- Associate's degree not sufficient for many jobs
- Harder to transfer to more selective schools
- Some credits are not transferrable

2-Year Colleges & Universities

Collin College

- Offers wide variety of programs of study to earn an Associates of Applied Science (AAS), Associates of Science (AS), Associates of Arts (AA) degree or Certificates of Completion. Also offers limited 4-year degrees.
- Tuition and fees: \$46 per credit hour
- Pre-Admission Options available - Students are guaranteed admission to a four year college with full junior level status

2-Year Colleges & Universities

Collin College

- Education Core classes will transfer for degree credit to any public Texas University
- Pre-Admission Agreements with 10 universities
 - 1) Austin College
 - 2) Baylor
 - 3) Dallas Baptist University
 - 4) Southern Methodist University
 - 5) Texas A&M Commerce
 - 6) Texas Tech University
 - 7) Texas Woman's University
 - 8) Texas Wesleyan University
 - 9) University of Texas Dallas (UTD)
 - 10) University of North Texas (UNT)

2-Year Colleges & Universities

Transferring Facts

- Must apply for transfer admission according to that university's deadlines
- Usually will need to submit essays, letters of recommendations, and transcripts
- Most (but not all) schools will not require SAT or ACT scores from students with over 24 hours of college credit
- Will need to complete FAFSA again, as well as any other financial aid or scholarship applications through the university

2-Year Colleges & Universities

Advice for Students

- Must do your research!
- Talk to the admissions office at the school you plan to transfer to before choosing courses to make sure everything will transfer properly
- Work with the Transfer office at the community college
- Lots of great online resources
 - www.Collin.edu/transferU
 - Texas Common Course Numbering: www.tccns.org

Post-Secondary Options

4-Year Colleges & Universities

- Earn a Bachelor's degree. (BA, BS, BFA, etc.)
- This path has the most options afterwards.
- Can continue education to specialize further.
- Must choose and complete general and major requirements for graduation
- Part-time and full-time attendance available
- Federal and state financial aid available

Post-Secondary Options

4-Year Colleges & Universities

Pros

- Good for students with focus
- Can enter with specific goals in mind
- Dual-degree or condensed programs available
- More options afterwards
- Can continue into job market or further education

Cons

- Can be expensive
- Need to take more courses than are applicable to major

Colleges & Universities

Finding reputable programs

- Do your research!
- Pay attention to the factors that are most important to you
- Don't be afraid to call college admissions offices and ask questions
- Look at rankings and internet reviews
- Talk to people in the industry you want to join

Choosing Post-Secondary Institutions

Researching Colleges

- PrincetonReview.com
- CollegeBoard.com
- FastWeb.com
- CollegeForAllTexans.com
- College websites
- US News reports/Washington Monthly/Forbes
- <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

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