

Ask What You Want From Your Education

When it comes to education, there is nearly unlimited access to information in 2021. We can go to college and study just about anything. We can go to trade school to learn new skills. But, are the skills we're learning transferable to available jobs?

For years, even decades, we've heard people say that a college degree is a key to getting a good job. A college degree is certainly a great tool, but you may want to check and see if it's the tool you need.

If you choose to go to college to help you get a job and a fruitful career, then you have to ask yourself, "Is my degree preparing me for work after graduation?"

When someone enters college, whether at age 18 or age 65, one might think about possible goals and may meet with a counselor to discuss their goals. Is a counselor selling you on a school program or what the program can do for you once you graduate?

What jobs are expected to be available? What jobs are good for you? College costs have risen so much over the years that getting a degree isn't a sure path to the job you want.

Will the skills you are learning and the degree/certificate you are gaining help you in the real world? Don't be afraid to ask questions like this when you meet with any college or career counselor. After all, it's your life and your career.

We know that people with disabilities experience unemployment at a higher rate than people without disabilities. We also know that the cost of college and other educational expenses have risen dramatically in recent years. It's time to ask what you want from your education.

If you need help with employment searches or have questions about educational opportunities, you can research opportunities or you can reach out to CIDNY. Our staff have many resources to assist you with your employment endeavors.

When looking to your future, make sure you are aware of all the opportunities that are available. Life is full of many learning and employment challenges! Please let us help you find your way.

We would love to hear your thoughts, comments, and experiences. If you would like to share something with us, please email us at info@cidny.org and mention this column. Thank you for reading.