

*Some people believe that studying at university or college is the best route to a successful career, while others believe that it is better to get a job straight after school.*

*Discuss both views and give your opinion.*

There are different views about how people should pursue their career after graduating from high school. Whereas there are some benefits to embarking on a job right after school, I am holding on to the view that doing either a university or college degree will immensely enhance one's job prospects.

On the one hand, there are several reasons why starting a career without going to university or college can be beneficial. Firstly, starting a job sooner, young people would have a head-start upon their peers who choose to continue their education, and at the time their peers will get their degree, these people would have years of practical experience in their field. Furthermore, studying at the university is prohibitively expensive, and ordinarily, places a financial constraint/burden on both parents and students. While studying, they should take out a loan to pay for tuition, textbooks, and accommodation; as a result, not only will they be burdened with paying back the loan for many years to come, but they are less likely to enjoy independence in terms of their finances and moving out of their parents' home for years afterwards.

On the other hand, tertiary education is more likely to lead to people building up a promising career. In most cases, what is generally considered academic attainment is the main qualification criteria when applying for a satisfying job in big companies and technology giants, and people not having one would not even be given a chance to take part in initial interviews for the superior job opportunities. Moreover, in many professions which are often cited as promising, having an academic degree has become mandatory by government's regulations. For being successful in professions such as medicine, law, and construction engineering, for example, one should attain a related degree and-or certificate which qualifies him both legally and practically to practice those jobs and gain further experience, hence satisfaction and success in their field of study.

In brief, although I understand higher education does not suit everyone, it seems to me that people, if they have the desire to move up the career ladder, have to continue their

education and aim for a higher degree, for many employers look favourably toward the educated people and in some cases ~~the~~ higher education is not optional.