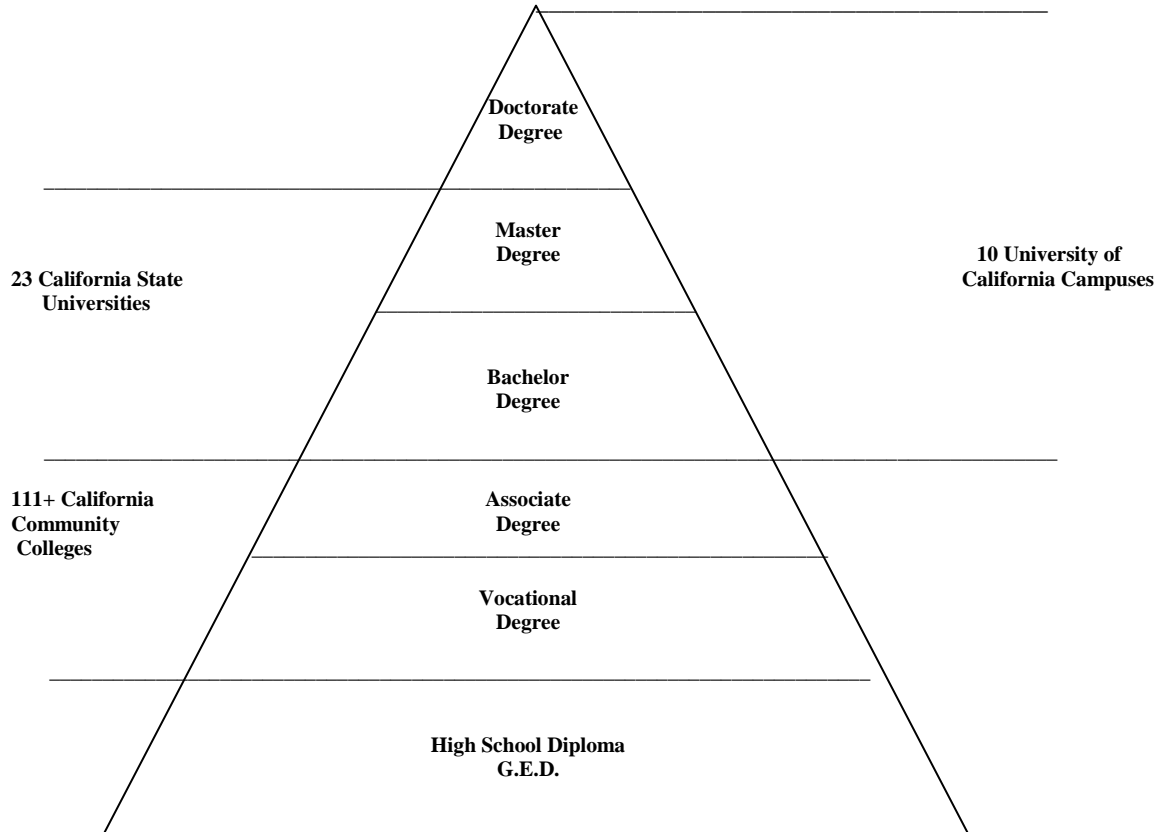


Educational Options In California



Vocational Certificate

Major courses only- Number of units required varies. A Series of special major courses, all related to a particular occupational skill. Sole objective is immediated employment. Offered by community colleges and private educational organizations.

Associates Degree

Major courses Plus General Education courses and electives, 60 units required. Usually referred to as AA or AS (Associate of Arts or Science) Degrees. Normally requires 2 years of 4 semesters of fulltime work. Offered by community colleges.

Bachelor Degree

Major courses PLUS General Education and Minor or Electives. 180 total units required. It is usually referred to as BS or BA (Bachelor of Science or Arts) Degrees. Normally requires 4 years of full time work. You may complete the first 2 years at a community college.

Master Degree

Bachelor Degree PLUS graduate courses in specialized area. Bachelor Degree units (180) PLUS about 96 units. It is usually referred to as MS or MA (Master of Science or Arts) Degrees. Normally requires additional years of fulltime work *after* completion of Bachelor Degree.

Doctoral Degree

Master Degree PLUS advanced graduate courses in specialized area. Units vary, depending on field of study. Usually referred to as PhD or EdD (Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education), etc. Normally requires 3 to 5 additional years of full time work *after* completion of Master Degree. Dissertation required.