

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE UPGRADE PATH



Almost every profession requires a basic competency level in writing, math and computer skills, and an Associate's degree signals to a potential employer that you possess these skills. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook notes that students just starting their career or working in a career related to their degree reap the most job market benefits from an Associate's degree.

While salaries vary significantly depending on the job, on average, you earn more with an associate degree than without any higher education. The median weekly salary for associate degree holders is \$887, compared to a median weekly salary of \$746 for high school diploma holders, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2020/data-on-display/education-pays.htm>

For certificate holders as well as associate's degree holders, the choice of field of study is an important decision that influences future earnings. While this is true for all postsecondary programs, it matters even more for certificate and many associate's degree programs because they are tightly linked with specific occupations.

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

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