PROGRAM PAYOFF TRACKER

Compare programs side by side

Look each program up on the College Scorecard, then fill in one column per program.

WHAT TO LOOK UP	PROGRAM 1	PROGRAM 2	PROGRAM 3
School and program Include the credential, such as a certificate, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree.			
Median earnings four years after graduation On the College Scorecard, for graduates who received federal aid.	$	$	$
High school graduate earnings in your state Shown on the College Scorecard next to each program's earnings.	$	$	$
Graduation rate Listed on the College Scorecard for each school.	%	%	%

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Weigh the numbers against your plans

Add your own numbers and plans. The decision is yours, and this puts the facts in one place.

WHAT TO WEIGH	PROGRAM 1	PROGRAM 2	PROGRAM 3
Debt you expect to take on Your own estimate, including financing.	$	$	$
Debt next to earnings Is it lower than, close to, or higher than the program's earnings?			
Does it connect to work I want? Look up the jobs you want and what they typically require.			
Questions to ask the school The school's financial aid office can help with your own numbers.			

- This tracker is a general starting point, not financial advice.
- Here's a resource you might find useful as you think about funding: ReUp Education's guide to paying for college as an adult learner. reupeducation.com/resources/learners/how-to-pay-for-college-as-an-adult-learner/