Activity 21-2

Researching Post High School Programs

**Directions:** Complete the following online activity to learn more about how to research post high school programs.

“Choices are the hinges of destiny.” This quote has been attributed to Greek mathematician Pythagoras and also to poet Edwin Markham. What your future will be—your destiny—hinges on the choices you make.

Certainly, some of your biggest decisions relate to a career. To start on the path from school to career, explore the website of the US Department of Education: www.ed.gov  
You can learn about the role of career colleges and technical schools. The website also contains useful and interesting information. You can find out about financial assistance and link to many resources. Use information on this site to answer the questions that follow.

1. On the website of the US Department of Education, search for “Career Colleges and Technical Schools.” What are three questions to ask when choosing a school?

<<Place Answer Here>>

2. The US Department of Education offers three kinds of grants. What are the three types of grants offered?

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3. The website provides links to multiple sources of data and research. What is the *immediate college enrollment rate*? What is the most current statistic for this rate?

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4. The website also provides important information to help students make informed choices. What is a *diploma mill*? What are some common features of diploma mills that should be warning signs?

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5. The Office of Post-Secondary Education of the US Department of Education offers a Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions. Search the database for a college or university you would like to attend. Verify that the institution is accredited in your areas of interest. List the institution and two program areas for which the institution is accredited. Indicate the accreditation date for each program.

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