

Many say that getting a university education increases the chances for an individual's prospects since most high-paying jobs require a certain amount of skill that is almost impossible to cultivate at home. To a certain extent money does correlate with happiness and is treated as reward for success. Having sufficient amounts of money decreases the stress in most lives as the worry for paying bills and buying basic necessities is gone. Jobs of such include doctors, engineer, architecture, software developers and so on where credibility is given for those with a degree. For careers of this nature, certain skills are required that can only be learned from in college and/or university not to mention prospects of getting the job you want increases with a degree as it shows you have ample knowledge on the career.

There has been an increasing number of companies and corporations that do not require a degree as to guarantee a job, no longer is a college degree correlated with the word success. Google is one such company that employs numerous amounts of people who have never been to college. Google's senior vice president even stated that up to 14 percent of their employees have not been to college and the reason for their inflating number of non-graduated employees is, "when you look at people who don't go to school and make their way in the world, those are exceptional human beings." In other words, being able to thrive in life without a degree is one quality that Google goes out of their way to find. From this aspect, having a university qualification is not essential for one's prospects as equal and sometimes better opportunities can arise.

To answer the question of whether or not a degree is essential to an individual's prospects, yes to a certain extent it does but opinions and minds are slowly but surely changing as the stigma around the word 'non-graduate' is decreasing. In 2010, the unemployment rate for non-graduates was twice as much as adults who had a degree. This proves that the majority of careers out there still require and wish for their employees to have university qualifications. The reason for this is that most of the time students work tirelessly day and night in order to get the grade they desire, this amount of dedication is highly desirable in the workspace. The same can also be said for the adults that did not go through college as it's harder for them to get jobs. We now live in the day and age where companies, Google for one, is becoming more orientated towards hard work rather than having a university certificate.

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