

# Video Transcript: Differences between Diploma, Certificate and a Degree

Hi, there everyone!

We will be looking at the difference between a certificate a diploma and a degree.

Let's try to discover together what the difference is when we are speaking about these three words: certificate, diploma and degree.

So, a certificate can be two things so two documents: one a legal document as in the certificate of marriage and that is released by an office usually in a municipality in a Town.

The other certificate is when you complete a course in a particular field, and it is issued to a person.

When that person has completed the course of study that is now leading to a diploma in the sense that they are getting this certificate for completing individual courses.

They receive a certificate of completion for certification program. This can often happen with plumbers, for example that need to every year update themselves on a specific skill diploma.

On the other hand, certificates are issued or released by high school or by a community college or a technical school secondary school.

The second type of diploma that can be issued at a community college or a technical school is part of a two-year program.

It normally has coursework and on-the-job training and some examples of this are a nursing program or a tourism program, culinary arts program, administrative studies program and these are not released by a university normally but by a technical school and/or Community College last one on the

Degree: A college or university awards a degree to successful candidates. There are usually four kinds of degrees that I've heard of so that I often hear:

First one is an associate degree so that's two years Community College or a Technical Institute or university with a clearly stated program curriculum and that is called an Associate's degree.

Following this as a bachelor's degree and the bachelor's degree is a three or four-year undergraduate program from a university. Some universities ask for thesis some do not.

A master's degree has an additional two years it is postgraduate work.