

lesson 32: postsecondary lifestyles and budgets

outcome: Explain the financial connection between postsecondary training and future lifestyle.

postsecondary monthly expenses

DIRECTIONS: Estimate what a typical or average adult spends on each category:

Expense	Average or Typical Amount Per Month
Rent/Mortgage payment for a 2-bedroom apartment or house	
Transportation (car payment, insurance, gas, subway, bus, etc.)	
Electricity	
Gas/Heat	
Food	
Cable/Internet/Phone	
Cell Phone	
Clothing	
Miscellaneous (laundry, soap, toothpaste, etc.)	
Entertainment (restaurants, movies, video games, etc.)	
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	

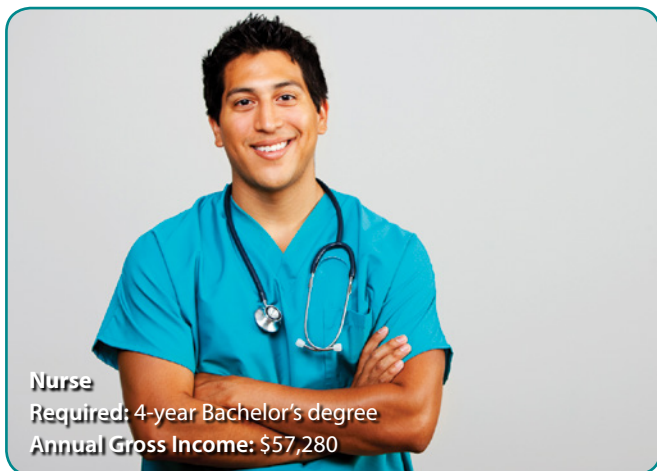
how far will my money get me?

PART I: THE BASICS

DIRECTIONS: With your group, choose a career from the Health Science career cluster below, and use the annual salary given to answer the questions below.

KEY TERMS

- **Gross Income** — how much you make before taxes are subtracted
- **Net Income** — how much you make after taxes are subtracted



What is your net income, after taxes? (Hint: Subtract 30% from your annual income to estimate how much you will need to pay in taxes.) _____

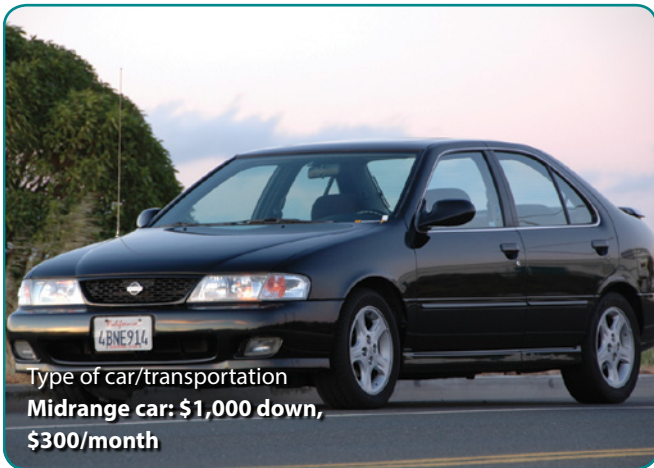
What is your monthly income? (Hint: Divide your net income by 12 to get the amount you will take home each month.) _____

How much will you have left over each month if you pay the typical/average amount for each of the above expenses? (Hint: Subtract the "total expenses" above from your net monthly income.) **This is your disposable income.** _____

STUDENT HANDOUT

PART II: GETTING WHAT YOU WANT

DIRECTIONS: Choose a car and a house from the choices below. Then, answer the questions that follow.



STUDENT HANDOUT



Which car would you choose if money were no object? _____

Which car can you afford based on how much disposable income you have for your career? _____

Which house would you choose if money were no object? _____

Which house can you afford based on how much disposable income you have for your career? _____

personal postsecondary budget

PART I: THE BASICS

DIRECTIONS: On your own, use information about your desired career to fill in the box below, and then answer the questions that follow.

 Draw a picture here that represents your career.

CAREER NAME:

DEGREE REQUIRED:

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME:

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What is your monthly income? (Hint: Divide your net income by 12 to get the amount you will take home each month.) _____

How much will you have left over each month if you pay the typical/average amount for each of the above expenses? (Hint: Subtract the “total expenses” above from your net monthly income.) **This is your disposable income.** _____

PART II: GETTING WHAT YOU WANT

DIRECTIONS: Choose a car and a house from the choices on pages 102 and 103. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Which car would you choose if money were no object? _____

Which car can you afford based on how much disposable income you have for your career? _____

Which house would you choose if money were no object? _____

Which house can you afford based on how much disposable income you have for your career? _____