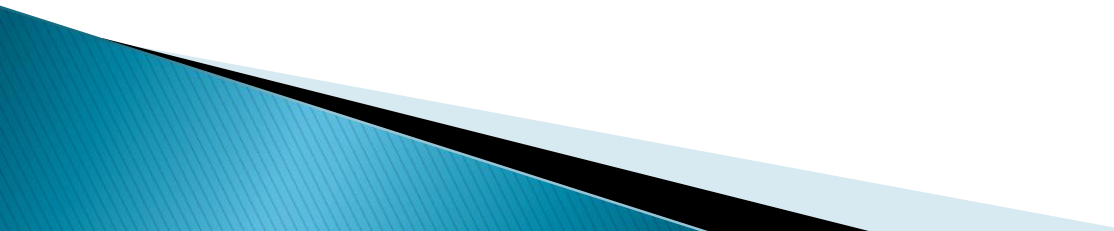


# Pathway Programs

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- ▶ The premise of a pathway program is that it offers a soft landing spot for students who generally lack the required English skills for direct admission to a university.
  - ▶ With specially designed and sheltered environment, students will improve their English skills, adjust to a new culture, and make progress toward their degrees.
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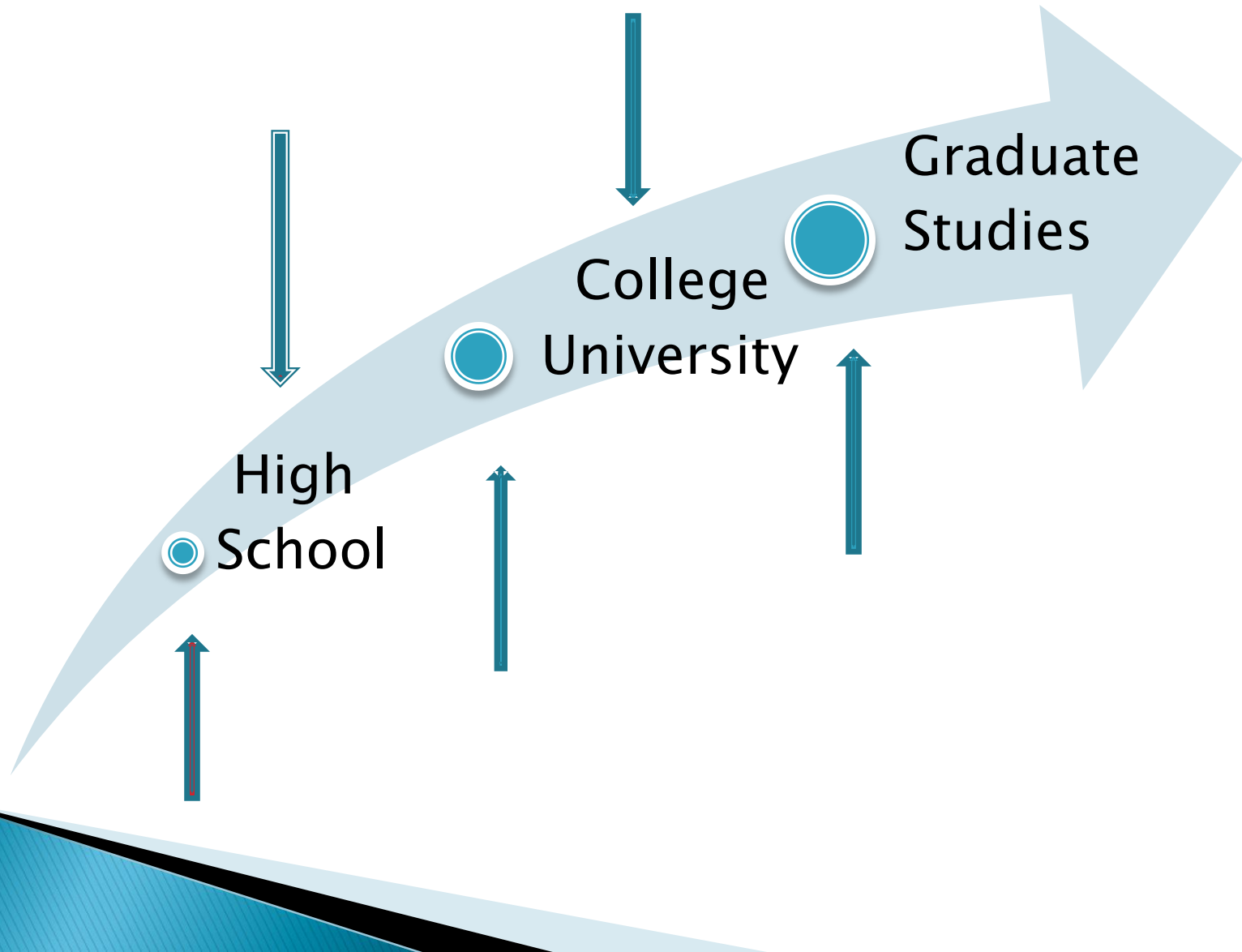


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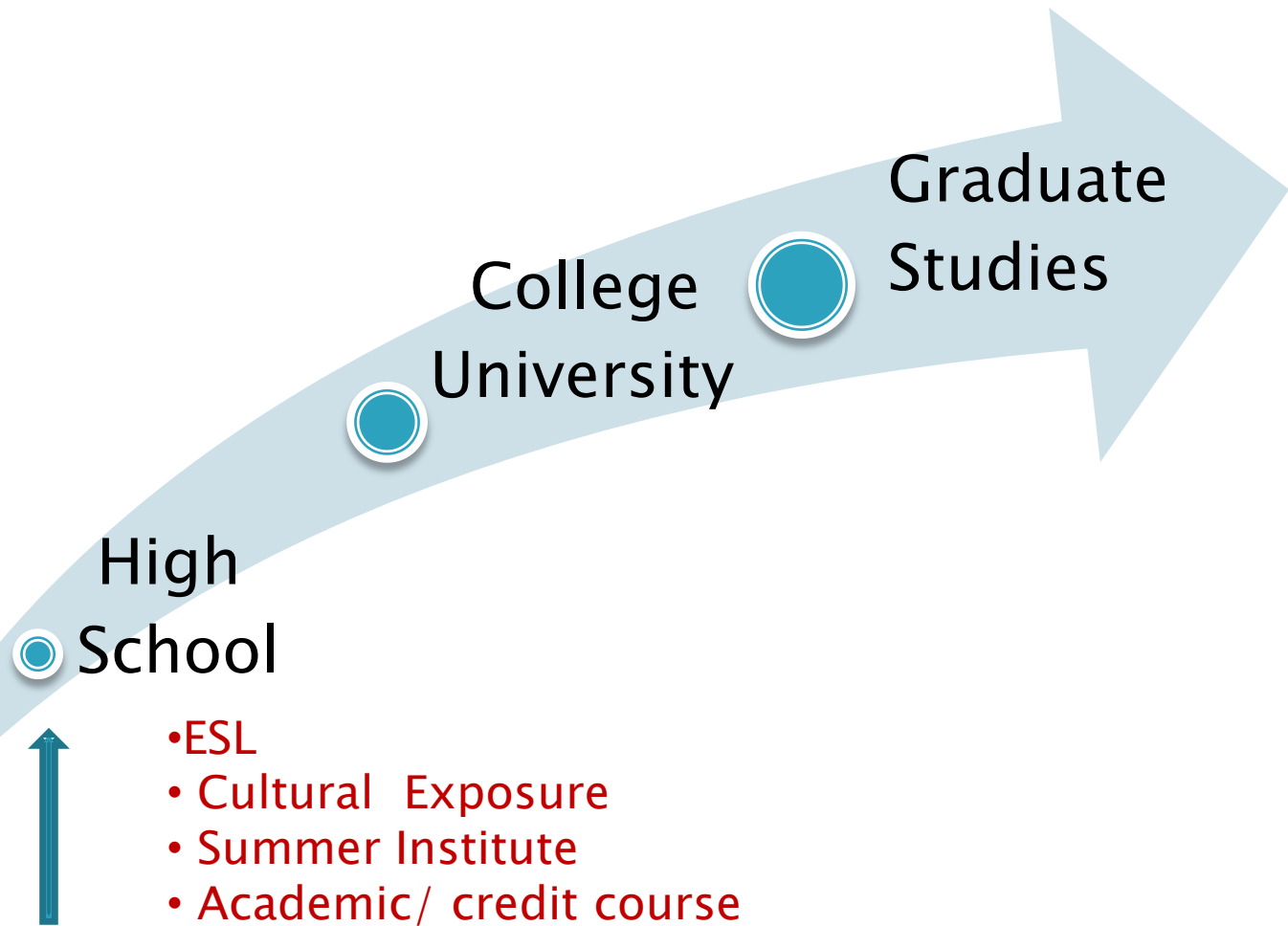
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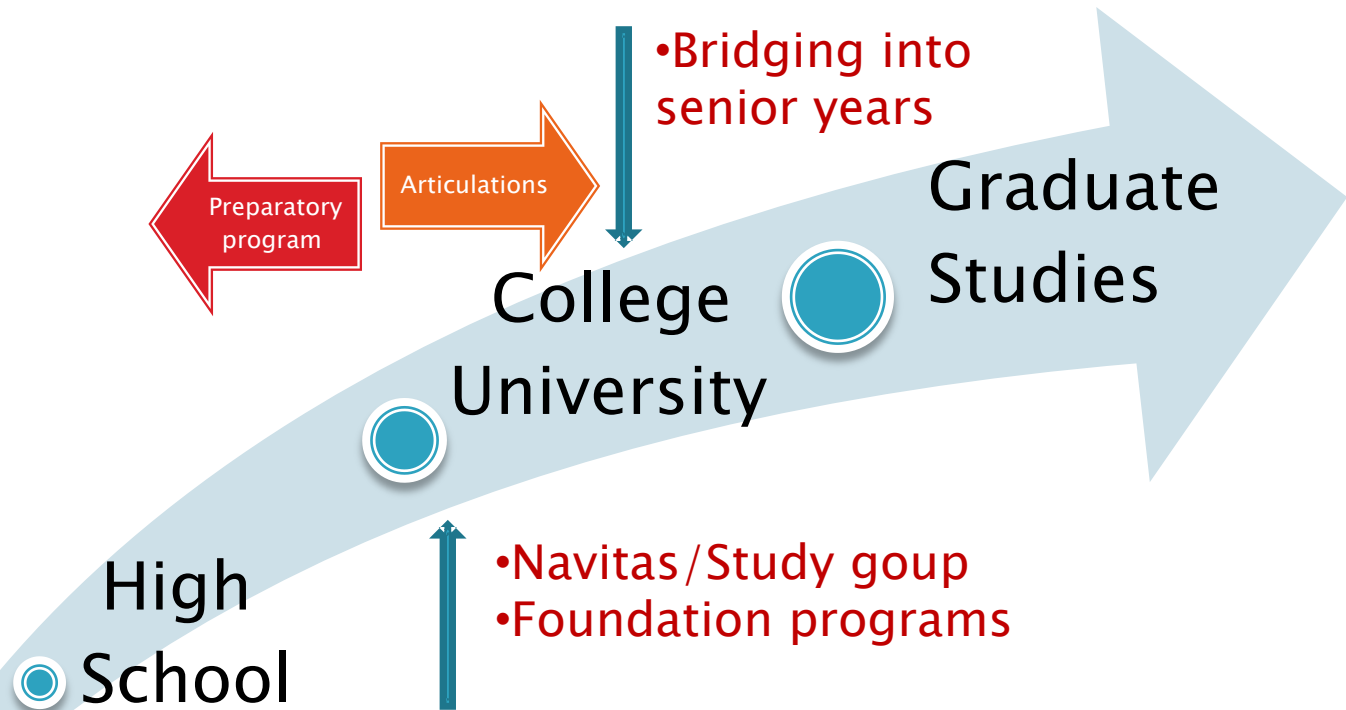
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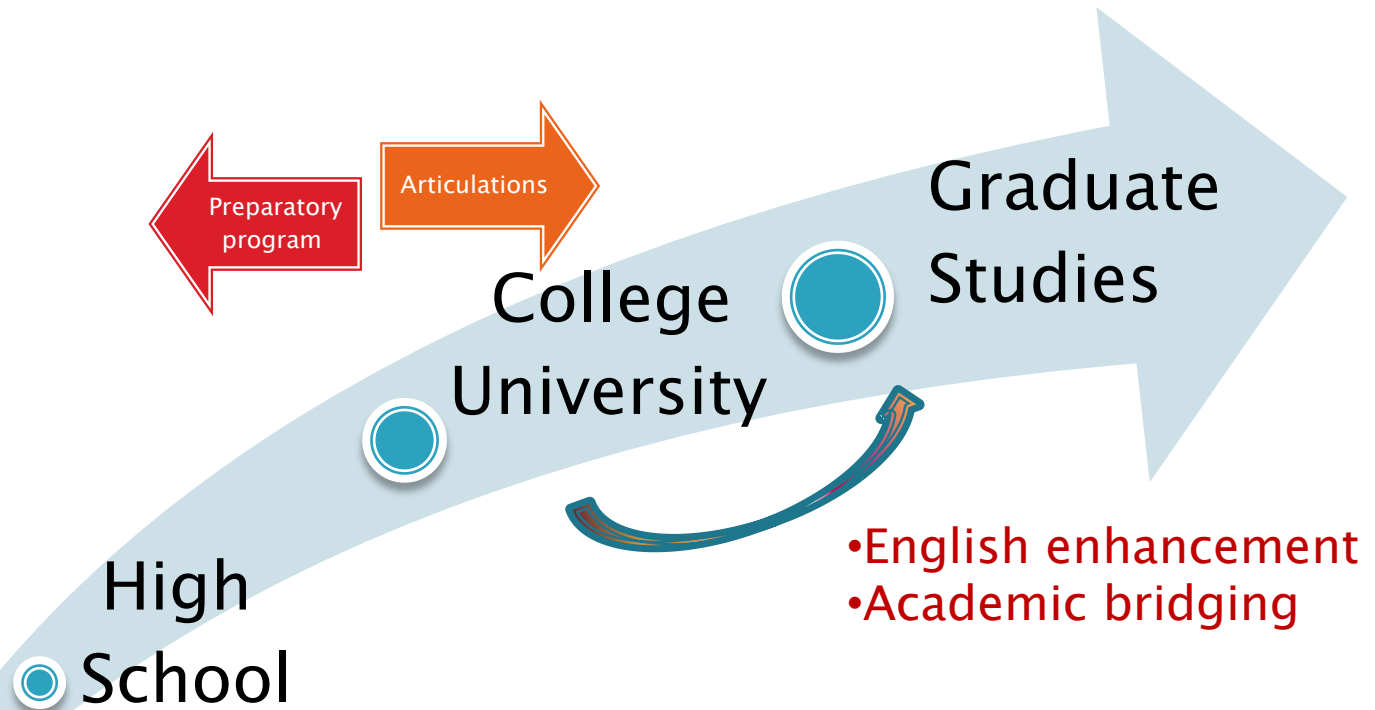
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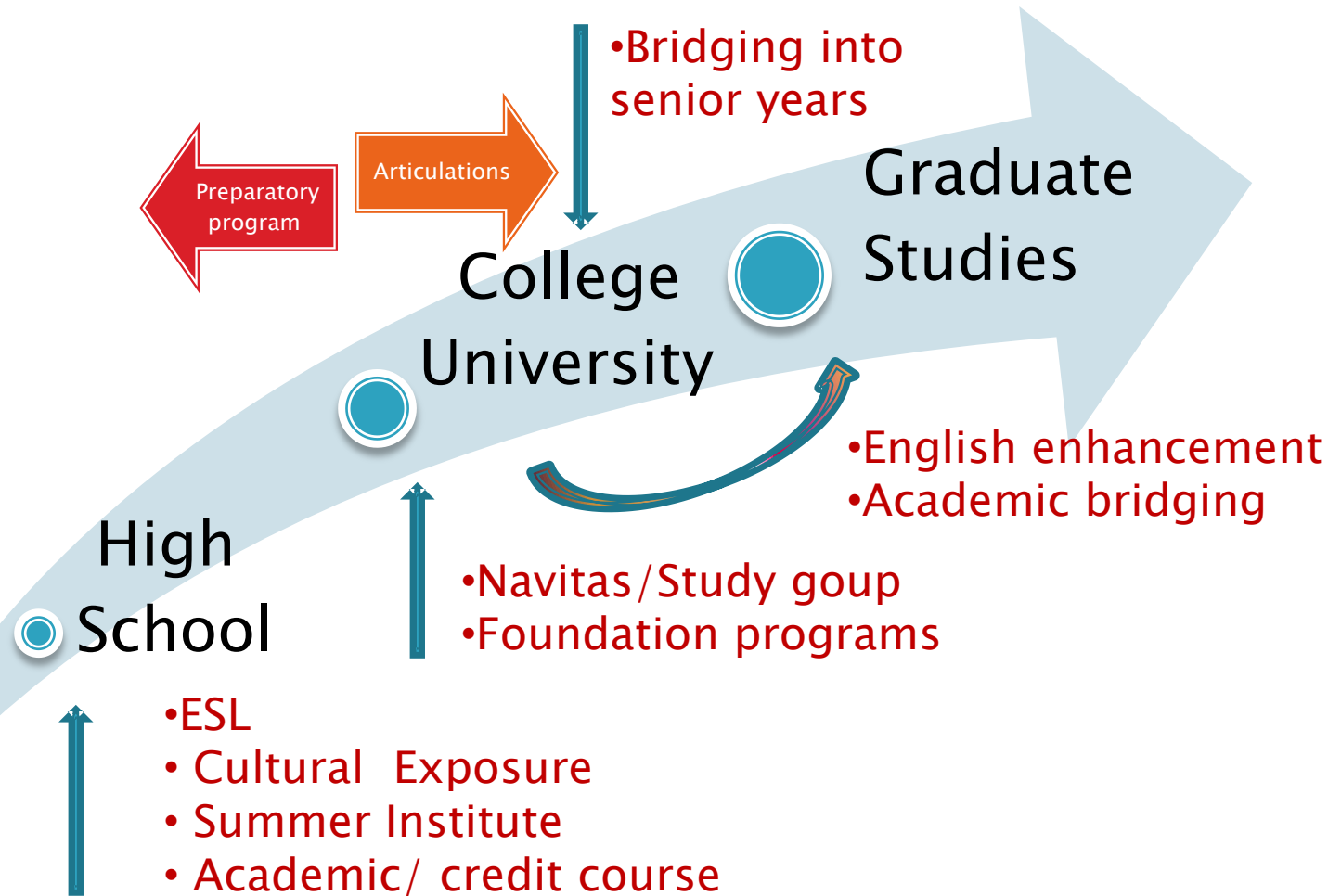
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- ▶ The expansion of pathway programs has proven contentious in Britain and, more recently, Canada, where faculty unions have waged campaigns against the outsourcing of teaching functions and have argued against providing a “back door” for students whose preparation or English language test scores wouldn’t otherwise qualify them for admission.

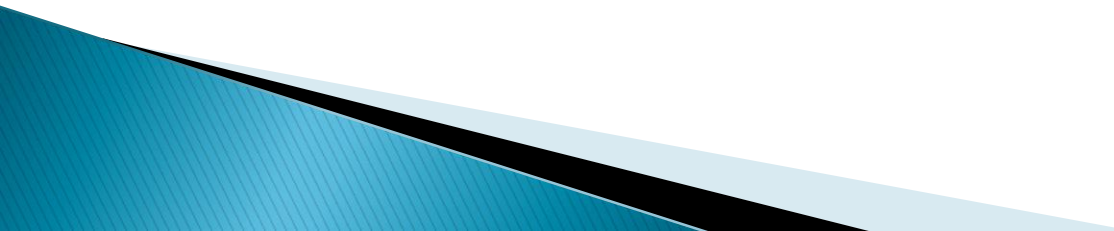
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# The debate

- ▶ Not about the pathway program concept itself, but about who should run the programs.

Against:

- using an external, for-profit group to teach credit courses
  - admitting unqualified students
  - losing control of academic quality
  - potential lost of faculty jobs
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# Factors to consider

- ▶ Strategic enrolment goal
  - ▶ Political climate at your institution
  - ▶ External group/internal operation/joint venture
  - ▶ Couple English enhancement with academic preparation
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