

SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR CAREER & COLLEGE PLANNING

85% of today's careers require education or training beyond high school. But what education or training is right for you? If you prefer career-related courses and a more hands-on approach to learning, you might consider a two-year college or career/technical school as a post secondary option. If you are interested in a 4-year college, the most important aspect is finding the right fit. In order to help you find the perfect fit it is crucial for you to understand what is important to you -what college attributes you value and what makes you happy. Just as important is to realize what you don't want in a college. Work through this self-assessment exercise. It will help you narrow the options and clarify your goals.

- 1. Do you want to continue your education? _____ Yes ~ ____ No**
If yes, what are your reasons? Make a list of all the reasons and then prioritize the list.

- 2. What career(s) are you most interested in at this time?**

- 3. Do these careers require additional education or training? At a 2-year or 4-year college?**

- 4. What type of location fits you best? Do you want to stay in state? How close to home? Do you want a rural, urban or suburban setting? Is weather important?**

5. What facilities or opportunities (computer labs, internships, study abroad, diversity awareness, career centers, etc) are important to you?

6. What type of learner are you? What kind of format fits your needs?

7. What size of student body do you want? Class size?

8. How important is name recognition to you?

9. What do you see as your academic strengths? Weaknesses?

10. What important activities are you involved in now that you want to continue in college?

ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT! THINK ABOUT EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY. YOU MAY BE ASKED TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION ON A COLLEGE APPLICATION OR INTERVIEW.