



Guiding Questions for Post-Secondary Education

Although all colleges and universities have guidelines for individuals with developmental disabilities, they may vary from location or place. Use these guiding questions to help determine if the college or university you are interested in will work collaboratively with you to ensure long-term success. Set up a day where you can attend a campus tour and arrange a meeting with a student services professional to go over the following questions.

Agency: _____

Provider: _____

Phone: _____

Hours: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Address: _____

Specific Contact/Title: _____

Questions to Research Before Your Visit	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
<p>1. Is this a two year or a four year college or university? Is this school private or public?</p> <p>What type of degrees does this school offer? (Bachelors, Associates, Certificates, Non-Degree)</p>	

<p>2. Do they offer the major that you are interested in? Do they have a list of all majors offered on their website?</p>	
<p>3. What is the average size of their classrooms? What is the ratio of faculty to student? What is the difference between intro and upper level courses?</p>	
<p>4. Do they offer any courses online? Do they offer any degrees online, if so what are they?</p>	
<p>5. What are some of the student groups on campus? Are there any student groups that interest you?</p>	
<p>6. What kind of accommodations for disabilities and/or ASD do they offer?</p>	
<p>7. What is the graduation rate?</p>	

<p>8. What are the requirements for admissions? Are there any special considerations for specific populations?</p>	
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Questions: Credits and Finances	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
<p>1. What are the opportunities for work-study?</p>	
<p>2. What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet? What is the average college-debt that a student leaves with?</p>	
<p>3. What kind of financial aid is offered at your school? What are some scholarships I may be able to apply for? Who can help me with financial planning piece at this college?</p>	
<p>4. What is the minimum amount of credits am I allowed to take to remain full time? Part-time?</p>	
<p>5. Is it possible to maintain a reduced course load? How long do I have to complete my degree if I chose a reduced course load?</p>	

6. Are there any required courses outside of the traditional course load, for example, religion classes, introduction to college classes, etc.?	
7. How much does a credit hour cost? What is the typical yearly tuition of a full time student?	
8. Does the tuition rate change based on the number of credit hours taken?	
9. Is there a tuition cap based on the number of credits I could be enrolled in?	
Questions: School Services	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
1. What services or guidance is available for new students?	
2. What system is set in place to support students with a disability? (Example: Disability Services/Resources) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are there any groups that offer mentorship, or a network for disabled individuals? b. What are the typical accommodations for students with disabilities? 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Is there any specific support and if so, is there any additional cost? d. How do I access accommodations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In the classroom? ii. In the dorms? iii. In other aspects of campus life? 	
<p>3. What is the process if I needed to drop a class? Or if I needed to use medical leave from a class?</p>	
<p>4. Are there on-campus services such as healthcare, or therapy/counseling available to students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the costs of these services? b. How do I access these services? c. Do these services have any restrictions? (Ex. Restricted number of visits) 	
<p>5. What is transportation like on your campus and around the college?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the transportation system free to students? b. Is there student parking lots? How much does it cost to park on campus? 	

Questions: Campus Life	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
<p>1. What programs are set in place to make campus a safe learning environment?</p>	
<p>2. What is security like on campus? 3. What transportation is available on or around campus?</p>	
<p>4. What are the living options on your campus; dorms, apartments, etc.? a. If no housing is available on campus, where do students normally live? What is the cost of living on campus/off campus?</p>	
<p>5. What are the dorm rules? a. Are dorm rooms always shared or is there an individual option? b. Can I set the AC/heat within my room? c. When are family and friends allowed to visit? d. When are the “quiet hours”?</p>	
<p>6. Are there any opportunities to stay in the dorms more than once to get acclimated before moving in? Before school starts or during?</p>	

<p>7. Is there an age requirement or restriction with your on campus living options? a. Where can I live with a support animal?</p>	
<p>8. What are the dining options on campus? Is there a meal plan? What is the cost? a. How can my dietary restrictions be handled?</p>	
<p>9. Is there careers service support? What is the employment rate for graduates overall? And for my chosen degree?</p>	
<p>10. Are there opportunities for research and field internships?</p>	
<p>11. What kind of tutoring is available and how do I access it?</p>	
<p>12. What kind of activities are offered to students during the week and weekend? a. On campus or in the community?</p>	

<p>13. How can I join extracurricular activities, such as band, choir, sports, student government, etc.?</p>	
<p>14. What type of evaluations/evaluative data do you provide back to the parent and how frequently?</p>	
<p>15. If a problem behavior is occurring in school, can you provide services/consultation directly with a classroom teacher or school team? What does that look like?</p>	