

7 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING THE POST SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR YOU!

So you're thinking about going away to college or university. With so many programs and options, how do you choose? It's about what's best for you. Here are 7 factors to consider when making a choice about your post secondary destination.

01 What are you interested in?



Math, biology, or English? Does the school have the academic program you are interested in? Pick a program you can see yourself studying and enjoying. Also, consider student and wellness services, student clubs, or athletics and sports offered on the campus.



02 Where is the campus located?

This might be the first time that you live away from home. How far do you want to be? Is it easy to get home? Would you prefer to live in a larger, more diverse city, or something a bit smaller and more relaxed? Do you want to live at home while attending school?



03 How does the campus look and feel?

You're going to spend a lot of time on campus, so make sure you narrow down what you're looking for. Do you want a big school that may offer more opportunity and more courses, or would you prefer something smaller where the professors know your name? Are the students there enthusiastic, proud, and happy? What amenities are offered on campus, or nearby?



04 What is your learning style?

Do you work better with one-on-one teaching or are you comfortable with self-directed study? Do you prefer hands-on learning or more theoretical learning? Do you want a broad education or a more narrowed focus?



05 Consider the career paths you might be interested in pursuing

It's difficult to choose a career when you're still in high school but if you focus on what you enjoy doing and combine that with a practical career path it will narrow it down.



06 What do you want out of your education experience?

Decide if you want to live on campus, on-campus, or stay at home - all three options have their pros and cons. Do you want or need a part-time job?

07 Know what it will cost

Have you budgeted to cover your costs? When you're in post secondary, the costs are higher and you tend to pay a good portion yourself, if not all the costs. How much is tuition? How much scholarship money can you get? Can you work part time on campus?

