HOW DO I KNOW IF COLLEGE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME AT THIS TIME?

Deciding whether college is the right road to take immediately after high school is sometimes difficult. This decision should be given careful thought before making the big investment in time and money that college requires. Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Have I taken classes in high school that have prepared me for college?
- Have I taken Algebra and Geometry in high school?
- Do I know the name of my disability and am I able to describe how it impacts on my learning?
- Am I familiar with disability laws at the college level?
- Am I aware of the classroom and testing accommodations that may help me in college, and am I willing to use them?
- Am I a self-motivated learner? Can I start and finish projects without someone (like Mom, Dad or teacher) reminding me to do so?
- Do I know my academic strengths and weaknesses?
- Do I know how to use word processing, e-mail, and the web?
- Do I ask or answer questions in class? Am I willing to participate in class discussions?
- Am I willing to take classes in subjects that are not my areas of interest?
- Am I willing to make my studies one of my highest priorities?
- Am I willing to study 24-30 hours outside of class each week?
- Am I able to ask others for help with my academics?
- Do I use a calendar, date book, or planner to help me manage my time?
- Do I have good organizational skills?
- Do I read any books, magazines, or newspapers that are not required for my classes?
- Am I willing to learn and use assistive technology (audio books, computer software programs, etc.) to help me with the heavy college workload?
- Do I have a plan for my life? Do I have a goal that attending college will help me reach?

If you find that you have answered many of the above questions with “no,” you may want to consider other job training/education choices. Or, get busy right now and work towards being able to honestly answer more of these questions with “yes!”

GOOD LUCK WITH WHATEVER YOU DECIDE IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

For more information on Passaic County Community College’s disability services, contact the Office of Disabilities Services (ODS) at 973-684-6395.

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