

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT A COLLEGE FAIR

1. Do you offer the major I want?

Quite possibly the most important question you can ask. Finding the right program for you is important towards developing a successful career.

2. Do you have/can you waive the application fee?

Usually schools have application fees that need to be paid when applying. However, you can request a fee waiver if you meet income requirements and apply for free.

3. Are classes available at times that fit my work schedule?

If you'll be juggling a job and school, it's important that a school has classes when you can take them. Seek out schools with flexible scheduling and evening classes.

4. Is child care or healthcare available for adult students?

If you are a parent going back to school, child care is important if a sitter isn't available. Some schools offer daycare for parents during the day while they're in class.

5. Do you offer course credit for past career experience?

You've worked hard for years. Shouldn't you get credit for it? Ask the admissions office if class credit is available for work experience.

6. How far away is the campus from my home/work?

You don't want to drive hours away just for a few classes. If proximity to home or work is important, drive a test run to see what your commute will be like.

7. What kind of financial assistance is available?

If cost makes or breaks earning your degree, then financial aid is essential to paying for school. Ask what the average aid package is for students.

8. Does your school offer any scholarships?

Free money is always good. Ask the admissions office about any merit or need-based scholarships that they offer to incoming students.

9. What kind of career placement services do you offer?

If your goal is a job after graduation, you need to know if the school is willing to help you along your career path. Find out about career services on campus

10. What percentage of students have a job after graduation?

How many students have a job at graduation? In six months? In a year? It's important to know how long your job search might be.