

# Become an Informed Consumer...

## You have Many Higher Education Options!

*Checkout the best college /university choices for you!*

- Determine if the university/college **offers the degree** you might be interested in pursuing. Not all academic programs of study are offered at all schools (i.e., there are only three schools in Florida that offer a degree in Pharmaceutical Science). You should immediately narrow your college choices based on your career focus.
- Determine if the **annual costs** to attend the college are within your budget and how the cost compares among other schools. Be sure to include housing, tuition, books, food, incidental, etc.
- Learn about **financial aid and scholarship opportunities** available through the college. These might help bring the cost of attendance in line with your budget.
- Learn about the **admissions process** and research **minimum entrance requirements** (i.e. deadlines, SAT scores, GPA, foreign language etc.) to gain acceptance into the university, as well as the academic program of your choice. Some academic programs have higher or additional admission requirements than those for general admission into the university.
- Find out what **percent of the applicants are accepted** into the university and your selected program of study. Some schools and programs have limited access, which means that meeting minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee acceptance.
- Consider all the issues related to the **physical location** of the campus (i.e., climate, wardrobe, and travel).
- Find out **placement rates for graduates** from your selected program of study at the university. Wage information about graduates is also often available.
- Learn about the **demographics** of the student population and the **campus culture** in order to determine if those aspects of the college match your expectations.
- Carefully research the **accreditations** held by the school you are considering. Failure to properly research and understand accreditation can be costly in terms of money, time, and career development. Use the following link to begin your research on accreditation: <http://www.scc-fl.edu/careers/explore/accreditation.htm>
- If you have any questions about how to research these important topics, please contact the Seminole Community College **Career Development Center** at 407-708-2033.



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