



Choosing a College and Types of Colleges

CAREGIVER #1:

My daughter wanted to go to college...

CAREGIVER #2:

...but which one?

CAREGIVER #3:

I didn't know which colleges offered his major.

CAREGIVER #2:

At first, I had no idea which college she should even apply to.

CAREGIVER #5:

But after we researched...

CAREGIVER #1:

...we found the perfect one.

CAREGIVER #2:

There are public and private colleges...

CAREGIVER #4:

...two-year community colleges...

CAREGIVER #5:

...four-year colleges and universities...

CAREGIVER #3:

...technical or vocational colleges...

CAREGIVER #2:

...and tribal colleges.

CAREGIVER #1:

We then talked about cost, location, size and classes offered.

CAREGIVER #3:

From there, we found the perfect one.

NARRATOR:

There are many things to consider when helping your child decide on which school to attend.

First, the type of college is important in finding the right fit. Let's look at the different types of colleges.

Public colleges are run by state and local governments. Private colleges are independent schools that are privately funded. Generally, private colleges are smaller and more expensive to attend than other schools.

Tribal colleges are usually located on or near a reservation. Many tribal colleges are similar to community colleges and universities, but classes are taught with a foundation of cultural relevance.

Technical or vocational colleges get students ready for a specific career, such as welding or x-ray technicians. They are usually two years or less.

Two-year community colleges offer a lot of options. You can pursue a two-year degree, which is also called an Associate's degree. Many times an Associate's degree is used as the foundation for further study in a four-year program. In this case, a student will attend for two years and then "transfer" to finish a four-year college. This can save students time and money.

Colleges and universities offer more advanced degrees that take at least four years to complete. Degree programs are called bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. They can also include professional schools, like law school or medical school. Universities tend to be larger than colleges.

Other things the student needs to look at with each school are cost, location, size and the degree offerings.

Looking at what schools have to offer can take some time, but it can also be a lot of fun for you and your child as you discover the perfect fit. Help your child find a mentor. Because having one in their life can have a big impact on them reaching their fullest potential.

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