

Campus Visits

THE BEST WAY TO SEE IF A SCHOOL FITS YOU

Once you have narrowed your school choices, try to visit the campuses. These visits can give you insight into what the "real" school is like and if it is right for you. There are many factors to consider in selecting the right school, so make a checklist of things important to you before you visit.

PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS

- Call or write the admission office for an appointment three to four weeks before your visit.
- Try to make the appointment for a regular school day.
- Arrange to visit the Disabilities Services or Academic Assistance Office, if needed.
- Request literature about the school and your career field and read it before the visit.
- Ask for a conducted tour
- Arrange to meet with a professor from an area of study that interests you
- Ask to talk with students who are majoring in your career field or program of study
- Arrange to stay a night in a dorm

THE VISIT

The more experiences you have during your campus visit, the better able you will be to make an informed decision.

- Meet with representatives from the admissions and financial aid offices.
- Secure applications for admission and financial aid.
- Visit classes and note the class size.
- Visit dorms; stay overnight.
- Talk with faculty members.
- Ask who teaches undergraduate students.
- Tour library, laboratories, shops, and other special facilities of interest to you.
- Eat in the school's student dining facility.
- Meet with extracurricular advisors in areas of interest to you.
- Secure and review a student newspaper.

FOLLOW UP

- Write a thank you note to the admission officer.
- Analyze your visit in terms of likes and dislikes.
- Discuss the visit with your family and counselor