



Arlington Career Center College Reference Guide

Questions to get you started:

Public vs. Private	Available
Majors	
2 – year vs. 4 – year	Athletics
Single sex vs. Coed	Community Service/ Extra Curriculars
Size: Small, Medium, or Large	Housing
Location: Urban, Suburban, Rural	Career Counseling/Job Placement
In-State vs. Out-of-State	Diversity/Make up of Student Body
Religious? Military? HBCU?	Cost
Liberal Arts vs. Comprehensive University	Counseling/Mental Health Services
Acceptance Rates	Special Programs: Special Education, ROTC

Where can I get information?

ACC College and Career Webpage	College Websites
Naviance Student-College Tab- find your fit	College Admissions Representatives
College Fairs	Parents, Family, Friends
College Visits to ACC	Visiting College Campuses

Make a preliminary list of colleges to research further:

Use SuperMatch or Advanced College Search on Naviance’s Student’s College Tab

Evaluate each college and narrow you list down to:

- 2 to 3 Safety Schools (You have a very good chance of getting in & you can afford it)
- 3 to 4 Good Matches or Target Schools (good matches overall)
- 2 to 3 Reach Schools (More of a challenge to get into; not a sure thing)

*Use Scattergrams on Naviance Student’s College Tab to help with this activity

Get Organized; Establish Deadlines for:

College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)	Requesting Transcripts
Researching Colleges	Requesting Recommendations
Completing Applications	Writing Essays
Applying for Scholarships	Applying for Financial Aid