



The College Considerations Game



How to Play

- You'll be given two schools to consider
- Based on the information provided, you'll be asked to consider which school sounds more appealing to you
- There are no wrong answers!
- We'll play 3 rounds, starting with...



Round 1

Intended Major: Business / Accounting

School A	School B
• CPA Pass Rate: 53.2% • Avg. COA: \$32,000 • Avg. Class Size: 30:1 • Prox. to Major City: ~140 miles • Research Opportunities: Research assistant (collect data) • Acceptance Rate: < 24%	• CPA Pass Rate: 54.4% • Avg. COA: \$25,000 • Avg. Class Size: 15:1 • Prox. to Major City: ~40 miles • Research Opportunities: Faculty-mentored research projects • Acceptance Rate: > 50%
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Northern Illinois Univ.



Round 2

Intended Major: Medicine / Pharmacy

School C	School D
• Avg. \$ of Merit Aid (Fresh): \$3,700 • Avg. COA: \$84,000 • Avg. Class Size: 15:1 • # of Hospitals within 20 miles: 10 • Both schools offer early acceptance PharmD programs • Acceptance Rate: < 16%	• Avg. \$ of Merit Aid (Fresh): \$14,000+ • Avg. COA: \$52,000 • Avg. Class Size: 12:1 • # of Hospitals within 20 miles: 8 • Both schools offer early acceptance PharmD programs • Acceptance Rate: > 60%
Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Benedictine Univ.



Round 3

Intended Major: Engineering

School E	School F
• Avg. COA: \$92,000 • Avg. Class Size: 20:1 • ROI (10 years out): \$208,000 • Courses with Teaching Assistants: Common • Both schools offer ABET accredited degrees • Acceptance Rate: < 29%	• Avg. COA: \$62,000 • Avg. Class Size: 20:1 • ROI (10 years out): \$200,000 • Courses with Teaching Assistants: Rare/non-existent • Both schools offer ABET accredited degrees • Acceptance Rate: > 70%
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Bradley Univ.

ROI information comes from [Georgetown University's ROI Rankings](#).



Food for Thought

When picking a postsecondary option, what are you / your student prioritizing?

- Brand recognition?
- Selectivity?
- Prestige / Rank?
- The best fit for you?
- Something else?



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Top 5:

College Myth Busting



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1. We can't afford to attend a private school.
2. Going to a higher ranked school is significantly better than a lower (or non-ranked) school.
3. The name on the sweatshirt/sticker determines my future salary.
4. Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign is a safety school.
5. College decisions are personal.



- [NCompass](#)

Dist. 203 Postsecondary Planning Guide

- [In-School College Visits](#)

Instructions on how students can attend in-school college visits

- [On-Campus College Visit Tips](#)

Tips for students planning to visit college campuses

Additional Resources



- **Session 3 Tonight**

A few options for families to choose from to help with postsecondary planning

- **Sept. 1 - Oct. 30: In-School College Visits**

- **Sept. 26: NACAC National College Fair @ Navy Pier (Chicago)**

A national college fair, featuring more than 200 colleges & universities from across the country.

- **Sept. 29: Navigating a Shifting Testing Landscape**

An evening program at Naperville Central (6:30pm in Auditorium) to discuss college admission testing, test-optional landscape, and best strategies when it comes to testing

- **Oct. 13: Illinois Regional College Fair @ Benedictine Univ. (Lisle)**

Another college fair opportunity, bringing in additional colleges & universities from across the country.

Upcoming Opportunities

