

HIFE CPP REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA
- ◆ Must attend an accredited institution
- ◆ Must be willing to complete the assigned homework provided by the HIFE Coach

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5 Major Changes In College Admissions Today



As your children enter the college planning process, it is important for you to understand that the rules for college admissions have changed over the last two decades and the preparation for it is vital to adapt to those changes. By knowing the new rules and changes, students can be better equipped and prepared for college. Here are the top 5 changes you should know and be ready to tackle:

Increased In Enrollment

According to the Department

of Education, “enrollment in degree-granting institutions increased by 11 percent between 1991 and 2001. Between 2001 and 2011, enrollment increased 32 percent, from 15.9 million to 21.0 million. Much of the growth between 2001 and 2011 was in full-time enrollment; the number of full-time students rose 38 percent, while the number of part-time students rose 23 percent. During the same time period, the number of females rose 33 percent, while the number of males rose 30 percent. Enrollment increases can be affected both by population growth and by rising rates of enrollment.

As a result of the increased in enrollment, the acceptance rate at highly ranked selective

colleges are much lower today compared to over 20 years ago.

Cost Has Increased Dramatically

“For the 2011-12 academic year, the annual current dollar prices for undergraduate tuition, room, and board were estimated to be \$14,300 at public institutions, \$37,800 at private nonprofit institutions, and \$23,300 at private for-profit institutions. Between 2001-02 and 2011-12, prices for undergraduate tuition, room, and board at public institutions rose 40 percent, and prices at private nonprofit institutions rose 28 percent, after adjustment for inflation. The inflation-adjusted price for undergraduate tuition, room,

Message From The Dean - Bob Fulcomer

Although most students do not begin their college search until their high school junior or senior year, it is a great idea to try to go visit some of these campuses during the summer break. This can be very helpful in motivating the students to start thinking about their college career early. You can

incorporate this as part of your family summer vacation to minimize the cost. This will also allow you find out what areas of interest is most important to your son or daughter. You may consider touring 3-5 campus within a driving distance from your trip. Be sure to find out the campus

tour schedule ahead of time. Some schools may even house you at a low cost or no cost.

Be prepared with questions to ask during your visit as well as look into the on-campus housing to get a feel of what's available for each campus.

Have a great summer!

5 Major Changes In College Admissions Today (cont.)



and board at private for-profit institutions was 2 percent lower in 2011-12 than in 2001-02.”¹

Therefore it is imperative that proper college planning be accomplished when the student is at a younger age in order to have ample time to save and prepare for the future. Our experienced HIFE Coach and College Consultant can assist and guide parents in this process.

Tougher Academic Requirements

Many states, counties and school districts have increased their academic requirements for high school students over the last 2 decades. As a result, competitiveness among students have also increased, especially in more affluent geographic areas. Students need more guidance in selecting the proper classes needed to not only graduate from high school but to stay more competitive among their peers. In addition, students must be open to take additional classes and participate in extracurricular activities that will demonstrate how well-rounded they are compared to other students. College entrance requirements have also increased and knowing the prerequisites for each college in advanced will help students better prepare to get accepted upon applying to their desired school. By working with your assigned

HIFE Coach, the student will be able to get the appropriate guidance in selecting the classes needed to prepare for the college application process. Our HIFE Coach will help the student identify which colleges to select, what major each college specializes in, as well as get assistance in preparing for the classes to take.

Variety Of Majors & Specialized Programs Offered

Students now have a wider selection of career field to choose from and colleges and universities are offering a variety of majors and programs to suit those needs. Some of these programs include both bachelors & masters degrees, internships and co-operative education opportunities, advanced research, as well as environmental sound programs.

Your HIFE Coach can assist in determining the right college and university to accommodate the proper career field the student is seeking. With access to many resources, our HIFE Coach can conduct the research that will help the student make better decision in selecting the proper school.

Technology Has Improved

With the advancement in technology over the years, most college entrance applications and financial aid applications are now

submitted on-line. Many colleges and universities are participating in a common application which allows students to multiple schools by completing only one application form. Other colleges also have an on-line application available which makes it easier for students to submit their application to many schools. This also allows for the colleges and universities to review student's application and provide acceptance or denial letters faster.

More resources are now available on-line which allow students to conduct an extensive amount of research for the degree or college they want to pursue. Scholarships, grants and financial aid application are also available on-line which makes it easier for the students to apply.

Therefore, it is very common for students to apply to 8-10 different colleges and universities. However, by working with the assigned HIFE Coach, a student will be able to narrow his/her selection much easier or have better information and guidance to properly choose the right school. The HIFE Coach can also provide the student information on requirements and acceptance rates from each school based on grades and SAT/ACT scores.

¹ Source: Department Of Education

Tips For Students Desiring To Pursue A Career

Quite often, high school students do not grasp or have a clear understanding of what they want to do with their future career. Many are influenced by their parents' career and stick to the same field. Some are influenced by their peers and want to pursue the same field as their friends. But others simply are not mature enough to make any decision and remain "undecided" until they actually enroll in college.

Unfortunately, many parents end up having to pay for an education that their children end up changing after a couple years into their college career.

Tip #1: Consider Taking Our Career Assessments

We believe that before anyone invests any money in deciding which degree to pursue or which college or university to attend, a career assessment is most critical and therefore should be the first step to take.

Our career assessments help you to navigate in the "right career path" based on 75 years of ongoing research and studies. The results serve as a way to help you get on the right track in planning for your career.

HIFE Career Interests Assessment
HIFE Career Interest Assessment provides the

opportunity to explore what you like to do – your interests – then generates an easy-to-read interest summary report that matches your results to specific career paths or clusters. It also features a unique component, Person Match, which scientifically aligns results with those of professionals whose results are similar to your own, and presents their career stories in a question-and-answer format.

HIFE Skills Confidence Assessment

HIFE Skills Confidence Assessment asks you to rate tasks and activities according to the confidence you have in performing or acquiring that skill. This assessment is available in four versions to ensure results align with your organization or state career cluster system as well as your education and experience level. The HSCA is especially helpful in providing direction for exploring careers that are a good fit for your current abilities, identifying careers that will help you build on existing skills, and highlighting career clusters that match both your interests and skills.

HIFE Work Values Assessment

Whether it's high income, prestige, a sense of accomplishment, a pleasant environment, or something in between, learning what you value in the workplace is an important part of finding the

right career. The HIFE Work Values Assessment shines light on these important factors and points you to careers with characteristics that best align with your specific work values.

Tip #2: Discuss Career Assessment Results With Your HIFE Coach

Our HIFE Coach is a great resource to help guide and narrow your career choice. They have an average of over 20 years of experience in the college planning field and can provide recommendations for your declared major. The HIFE Coach can also assist you in determining which school specializes in that particular degree based on your grades, SAT/ACT scores as well as the geographic area you want to be in.

Tip #3: Interview 3-5 Different People Who Are Currently Working In The Career You Are Pursuing

One of the most effective ways in finding out whether you should pursue certain career is by asking people who are currently working in the field you want to pursue. For example, if you are interested in becoming a firefighter, interview 3-5 different firefighters and ask them questions like:

1. What made you pursue this career?
2. What did you have to do to get this job/career?



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3. What are your daily routines or activities?
4. What kind of income can someone in this field make?
5. What is your work schedule like?
6. Are there a lot of job opportunities in this career?
7. What do you like most about your career?
8. What don't you like about your career?
9. If you were going to start over again, what would you do differently?
10. Do you have any recommendations for me?

Tip #4: Research The Job Outlook For The Particular Career

Our HIFE Coach can guide you in determining the job outlook for a particular career you want to pursue. Statistics are based on real-time and provided through the Department of Labor.

In addition, your HIFE Coach

can also help you research the income you should expect for that particular career.

Tip #5: Research The College Or University That Specializes In That Major/Career

With Our HIFE Coach's assistance, you will be able to conduct research on colleges and universities that is best suitable for the major you want to pursue. You will learn about the requirements for each college, cost to attend, the acceptance rate and passing rate.

Your HIFE Coach can also provide you with information on how to apply for financial aid which includes scholarships, grants, student loans and work-study programs available.

Tip #6: Apply to 7-10 Colleges As Early As Possible

Once you have narrowed down your career choice or major, it is very important that you

make every effort to apply to the colleges of your choice early. This will give you a better chance of getting accepted as well as having more opportunities for scholarships and grants.

Tip #7: Get A Part-Time Job Or Volunteer In The Field You Want To Pursue

Consider getting a part-time job or volunteer in the field that you want to pursue. You will not only gain hands-on experience but also have a better understanding of what you need to do in preparing for the particular career you desire.

Many companies are now open to having high school students work on a part-time basis or as a volunteer to help them with administrative tasks. Companies also use this opportunity as a platform to gain ideas from students, screen for potential new hires, and get some publicity.

Coach's Corner

We often get questions about whether the HIFE CPP can help your child get accepted to an ivy league school.

Given that many Ivy League Schools have a low acceptance rate between 6% (Harvard) to 16%

(Cornell), and they often reject many students with outstanding records and perfect SAT scores, the probability are not great for anybody who applies to those schools. What our HIFE CPP can do is to help your student in developing strategies to effectively build

a proper academic profile that will give them a better chance of being accepted at a college. We will explore realistic college options that will match their academic profile and guide your student according to the selective colleges that will "best fit" their career choice or major.