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Things to Consider for Completing Your Degree

Earning a degree may provide enhanced career mobility, higher earnings, a sense of accomplishment and completion of an important goal.



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What is your goal?

Knowing this helps you narrow your focus. Is your goal to earn a degree so that you can move up in your company or organization? Are you seeking a higher salary and having a degree is the way to get to the next level? Is this a goal that you would just like to get done? Whatever the reason, moving forward and taking the next step is the right thing to do!

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How do you want to attend class?

Online courses provide a lot of flexibility because you can participate in your courses from almost anywhere. Hybrid courses typically combine in-person experiences with online experiences to accommodate course and learner needs. In-person courses provide a more traditional experience, typically at a campus location or at a remote campus location.

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How many courses would you like to take in a semester or term?

Degree completion programs sometimes differ with how many courses are offered in a semester or term, so check with a representative to determine the pace at which you would like to complete your degree.

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How will you pay for this investment?

Financial aid is usually available for learners, even for adult learners! Education loans and grants can supplement personal funds. Does your employer have a tuition reimbursement program? Ask them because they may provide funding for approved programs. Many companies offer up to \$5250 annually, so check with your Human Resource department. Were you or a member of your family a member of the military? Veteran-related funding is a great benefit to explore. Options are usually available so it's best to ask!

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When do you want to start?

Many institutions have multiple starting points, so ask when those are so that you can get started soon. Does starting in September work for you? Or, maybe October, January or May? Learning more can get you on the path sooner than you think. Waiting to start means that you are waiting to realize the benefits of earning that degree.

YOU CAN DO THIS!

Many people return to finish a degree, or start a new one. You are not alone and you will find others just like you in your courses. You just need to take the next step.

Minnesota State University, Mankato's online programs in Applied Leadership, Business Administration, Dental Hygiene and RN to BS in Nursing help people realize their goals in career-focused areas from a quality, accredited institution.

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