**Campus Visit Checklist**

When you visit a campus, it is important that you ask the right types of questions:

**Look at Equipment and School Facilities**

* Are the facilities and equipment up to date and operating?
* Is the equipment similar to what you will be using on the job?
* Is the library good for studying and research?
* Are the dorms quiet enough for studying?
* What is the cafeteria like?
* How large/small are the dorm rooms? What types of furniture are provided/allowed?
* Are there plenty of computer labs?
* Do students get free e-mail and internet access?

**Sit In On a Class or Two**

* Do the instructors seem knowledgeable?
* Are the students participating in classroom activities?
* What kinds of work are the students doing?
* How large/small are the classes?

**Talk with Current Students in the Program**

* How long have they been in school?
* Are they learning what they need to know to get a job?
* What is their opinion of the instructors?
* Do the instructors spend time with the students to be sure they understand the material?
* Are instructors available outside of class?
* Have they had any problems with the school, the instructors or the classes?
* What do they like most/least about the school/program?
* How do they spend their free time?
* What are the other students like?

**Talk with Instructors in the Program**

* What are the academic requirements in the program?
* What kinds of courses are offered? How often are they offered?
* How many students are in the program? How many are accepted into the program each year?
* How long does it take most students to complete the program?
* How long have they taught at the school? Do they teach full time or part time?
* What background do they have in the field? How does it relate to the courses they teach?
* What types of activities are they involved in that relate to the field of study?

**Talk with an Admissions Counselor**

* What are the admissions requirements for college or for a specific program?
* How do I apply and which forms do I fill out?
* When are the important deadlines for admissions?
* What are the housing requirements and parking rules?
* What types of extracurricular activities are available?
* Can credits be earned online or transferred from other colleges?
* What percentage of first year students return the following year?
* What percentage of graduates are employed within one year?

**Talk with a Financial Aid Counselor**

* How much does it cost to attend the college (including tuition, room and board, fees, etc.)?
* What financial aid options are available?
* What percentage of undergraduates receive aid? How much do they receive on average?
* Does the college offer any financial aid of its own? If so, how do I apply?
* Which financial aid forms do I need to fill out and what are the deadlines?
* How is financial aid paid out? When will I receive it?