

## Questions Asked by Webinar Attendees – 8/26/08

**Q: When was the WSJ article he [Woody Robertson] referred to?**

A: The WSJ opinion article that Woody mentioned was published on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It is available to view at [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121858688764535107.html?mod=opinion\\_main\\_commentaries](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121858688764535107.html?mod=opinion_main_commentaries)

**Q: I have heard it said that College Plus is not for everyone. Who is for and who is it not for?**

A: The typical CollegePlus! student is a motivated and independent home learner comfortable with taking lots of tests. CollegePlus! may not be suitable for those seeking a traditional classroom environment or those seeking degrees in engineering, nursing or teaching (we do have a pre-med option, however). Your CollegePlus! Program Advisor will work with you to see if CollegePlus! is the best fit before you enroll.

**Q: what are some of the grad schools that college plus grads have gone to?**

A: Norwich University, University of California, University of Illinois, etc. are just a few that come to mind.

**Q: Do any online colleges offer a full scholarship based on an ACT score?**

A: Because most online colleges are a little cheaper than brick and mortar colleges, and target the adult students, many of them do not offer a scholarship directly based on an individual's ACT score. There are organizations (private and public) that offer merit-based scholarships to a college of your choice. CollegePlus! does not specifically award merit-based scholarships, mainly because the cost is already very low. However, the college we work with (Thomas Edison State College) offers a GPA-based scholarship, in addition to regular financial aid (FAFSA, Pell Grants, student loans, etc.). See <http://www.collegeplus.org/whatitcosts/scholarshipsfinancialaid> for more information.

**Q: What is the website to hear the coaches actually coaching the students?**

A: <http://www.collegeplus.org/infopacket/whatweoffer>

**Q: How many hours of study are required per day in order to complete your degree in 1-2 years?**

A: At least 20 hours a week, preferably.

**Q: For a science degree, which classes have to be taken at a community college?**

A: Hands-on labs are required to be taken at a local community college.

**Q: Can you take a CLEP test more than once?**

A: Yes, you can repeat the same CLEP test once every 6+ months.

**Q: How can you tell if your child is ready to start this program?**

A: Most students can start at our minimum recommended age of 16 (junior in HS) with no problem if they have a decent academic background. Students that are 13-15 might be a good fit if they excel in their school subjects and are highly-motivated, independent learners. Overall, a student's ability to start CollegePlus! is determined by the information you provide us (in the application) and our Program Advisors.

**Q: For the students: “Was it hard to work and do college plus at the same time?”**

A: Answered verbally by the students.

**Q: Do people often go on to get further degrees after CollegePlus!, such as a Master's?**

A: Yes, and those that do have no problem getting accepted into these programs.

**Q: What is the placement rate of degree holders?**

A: 87% of CollegePlus! students finish their degrees. Since CollegePlus! has only been in existence several years and most of our students are still young in their careers, we don't have a lot of specifics on job placement. However, we do know that 89% of our graduates have gone on successfully into the workplace. Additionally, the college we work with (Thomas Edison State), is a partner with UPS among other organizations.

**Q: My friend has just enrolled. Is there any way we could work together somehow?**

A: Yes, you could study (collaborate) the same subjects and books at the same, however, your friend might be further along in CollegePlus! than you.

**Q: Is the minimum amount of study on top of the student's regular high school courses?**

A: Yes, and no. We typically recommend at least 20 hours a week devoted to college studies. In most cases, the high school courses can be geared towards the college credit to be earned.

**Q: When I looked at the Homeschool Friend, the program for tutoring Korean students in English, the impression that I received was that you couldn't enroll in CollegePlus! until you tutored for two months. Could you give me a little more detail?**

A: Yes, you are correct. The two months of training are required before you may enroll in CollegePlus! This is mainly for us to see if you are a good fit for tutoring. Please send an email to [hfquestions@gmail.com](mailto:hfquestions@gmail.com) for a more detailed answer or talk to your program advisor.

Document referenced: [http://www.collegeplus.org/public/docs/hf\\_cp\\_workstudy\\_information.pdf](http://www.collegeplus.org/public/docs/hf_cp_workstudy_information.pdf)

**Q: Do you get opportunities for working as a team, and ability to work on LAB work and Art type mediums and subjective critiques that go with them? If there are onsite classes that you mix with it, how well does that work at getting into a college for a scattered few classes?**

A: Yes. Degrees such as Biology have significant on-site labs that would be taken at a local community college. Most local community colleges are not difficult to get into. The details of these on-site class requirements would be worked out by your Program Advisor.

**Q: What is the suggested minimum hours of study?**

A: At least 20 hours a week, preferably.

**Q: How much parental involvement is suggested?**

A: Parental involvement is required on coaching calls for students under the age of 18. It is optional for those over the age of 18.

**Q: How realistic is it to find your life purpose in those 6 weeks if you are not sure what direction to go?**

A: We don't expect you to "have all the answers" in six weeks, but our coaches will help you get a general picture of where you want to be in the future. The LPP workbook is designed to be used throughout your life. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/howitworks/lifepurposeplanning> for more information.

**Q: Would it be possible for a college plus student to get in touch with another CollegePlus! student to work together, if just for the encouragement and camaraderie?**

A: Yes, that could work, especially if there are other CollegePlus! students in your area. We also have online forums and chat where CollegePlus! students share study tips, exchange books, and encourage one another.