

Questions Asked by Webinar Attendees – 9/23/08

Q: I am interested in music programs. What accredited music schools do you work with?

A: We work with a variety of music programs, mainly the ones that are local to the student pursuing the degree. After they complete their credits for their music major, they transfer those credits to the regionally accredited institution we funnel most of our students into, Thomas Edison State College.

Q: So, if I finished my degree in music I would end up with something like a BA in music from Thomas Edison State?

A: Yes.

Q: Does Thomas Edison offer a Bachelor's in Music as opposed to a Bachelor's in Arts? I started a BM at the Peabody Conservatory, majoring in voice (it would be more specialized than a BA).

A: Thomas Edison State College does not offer a Bachelor's in Music. Since Peabody is regionally accredited, you wouldn't have a problem transferring the credits in, even if it was for a BM - the credits would still apply to a BA in Music.

Q: How much does CollegePlus! charge for their services?

A: \$2699 for the first year, then \$995 for any additional years of enrollment needed. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/whatitcosts> and <http://www.collegeplus.org/infopacket/majorsdegreecosts> for a detailed explanation of a entire college degree cost breakdown.

Q: Can you choose to go through the life purpose planning and credit by exam phases on your own time table?

A: The time table of your degree template is completely customizable. We work with you to set goals and will hold you to them, but it is up to you as to how quickly you complete the degree.

Q: Are you required to finish the life planning phase within 6 wks?

A: This is not a requirement, just our experienced suggestion. You may be able to complete it quicker, or if you'd like to spend more time that is perfectly fine as you talk with your coach

Q: Regarding the tuition breakdown cost of tuition at TESC, are CP students considered nonenrolled?

A: You will stay unenrolled for as long as possible, but you will need to enroll to receive the degree at the end of your time in the program. Enrollment in TESC usually takes place when a student has completed 80-90 credits.

Q: How long has CollegePlus! been operating?

A: CollegePlus! started in 2005 as part of the non-profit organization Global Learning Strategies, which was established in 2002. However, the college we work with has been around since the 1970s. We anticipate continuing operations long into the future.

Q: Will any onsite classes be required for a science degree?

A: Yes. Onsite courses from a local, regionally accredited institution may be required for any major that requires labs.

Q: To be more specific, will any onsite classes be required for the BA in Natural Sciences/Mathematics Degree?

A: Yes, there are a few onsite courses that are required for the BA in Natural Sciences/Mathematics degree.

Q: For someone considering a law degree in the state of Texas, how suitable is CollegePlus! to obtaining an undergraduate degree that is acceptable to reputable law schools. I have limited knowledge of law school requirements, but I have heard that law schools are particular about who they let in, and it has been told to me by one lawyer that they rely on the undergraduate degree location as one qualifier.

A: It depends on the school. We have one CollegePlus! grad who was admitted to the law school of his choice in San Antonio who also received the option of a full ride scholarship from a law school in Michigan. He said that the three biggest things they look at are GPA, the personal statement, and your LSAT score. And the personal statement needs to show that you have a clear purpose in life regarding law school training. The actual school he graduated from wasn't even an issue.

Q: Does CollegePlus! offer possible mentoring opportunities with reputable and established personnel in the desired field of study?

A: All CollegePlus! coaches go through an extensive screening process before they begin coaching and continue their training to sharpen their skills after they have become a coach. It has been well-documented that coaches do not necessarily need to be experts in the fields they coach in. However, our coaches have access to a comprehensive knowledge base of information and experience documented in multiple fields. As long as they are effective at motivating their mentees to achieve their goals, they are fulfilling their responsibility as a coach. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/whoweare/faqs#3> for more information on our coach selection process.

Q: For students lacking connections with Christian individuals in their field of study, does CollegePlus! assist in finding individuals to apprentice with?

A: We encourage students to find mentors whenever possible and to help with that process by giving ideas and even offering contacts wherever possible.

Q: How does CollegePlus! integrate a Biblical worldview while using a secular university?

A: We supplement the core subjects that pertain to biblical worldview with resources from godly leaders like Jeff Myers, Gary DeMar, and George Grant. Students are also encouraged to write essays on these topics to help cement the biblical principles into their thinking and outlook on life.

Q: Have any business majors in CP been admitted into MBA programs at schools such as of Northwestern or MIT reputation?

A: None that are reputable at the present time. However, graduates from CP would be in the running just like grads from any other regionally accredited institution. Most top MBA programs look mainly at a student's work experience, followed by the GMAT score, and undergraduate GPA, in that order of preference.

Q: What is the overall placement rate of CP graduates in their field of study?

A: We haven't been able to gather those numbers yet since we have a limited, but growing number of graduates.

Q: I am interested in a BSBA in Computer Information Systems. After I have completed the CLEPs and DANTES, would this program require on-site classes, or would everything be worked through at home?

A: All courses would be completed from home. There is one PLA (a documentation of prior learning experience) that is required, but this can be done from home as well.

Q: I have done research and employers are asking for true skills, ie Java Programmers who have and can program java computer language. How will CP help me get the real, hands on experience employers seek?

A: We would help you find resources to help you get internships so that you can get the hands on experience employers are looking for. Also, in the case of computer programming, we could direct you to get the training you need to get those programming certifications you'd like to complete.

Q: My son currently is in 8th grade. I'm researching CollegePlus! for a near future option. What are the signs to know when your son/daughter is ready to begin college studies? We definitely want to set our kids up for success.

A: Usually we encourage parents to enroll their children when they have finished Algebra II, Biology, and some Chemistry. This is usually the junior year for the typical students but understand that some students will be able to tackle these subjects sooner. There is also the time factor - CollegePlus! students need to spend about 4 hours studying per day to be successful in the program. If a student is at this level, he/she is definitely ready to begin the program.

Q: Would you encourage students that intend to use CollegePlus! to study and take the ACT, SAT, or PSAT?

A: These exams are actually unnecessary for CollegePlus! enrollment, unless you are simply curious about how the student will do on a standardized exam. However, these are not requirements for enrolling in the program or completing their degree. Incidentally, there have been increasing amounts of opposition to requiring these exams for college admittance.

Q: Does CollegePlus! recommend studying one subject at a time and then take a CLEP or equivalent test? So, you are concentrating just on one subject at time. What is the typical amount of time a student spends studying one subject before testing?

A: Yes, we recommend this. We call it a modular approach to study. The amount of time varies per student and per subject. It could be anywhere from a few days to a few months, depending on the difficulty of the exam in question.

Q: Do you pay CollegePlus! for the entire cost of tuition or do you also pay the college, as Thomas Edison, in which your degree is completed? So, does the estimated cost of \$15,000 go 100% to CollegePlus! or does that include the cost to the college to finish the degree.

A: Only the CollegePlus! tuition goes to CollegePlus! The rest goes towards Thomas Edison, books, tests, etc.

Q: Isn't the first 6 weeks of prep through College Plus include writing? What is involved to help the student in their writing ability? Is it a certain program?

A: Yes, we use the Institute for Excellence in Writing's course called Advanced Communication Series to challenge students to develop their writing skills.

Q: Do the mentors have access to what books or textbooks that work best in studying for a specific CLEP/DANTE test?

A: Yes. All mentors/coaches have access to a comprehensive knowledge base of textbooks that work best for a specific CLEP/DANTES test.

Q: What was the author's name?

A: Brad Voeller founded CollegePlus! and wrote the book Accelerated Distance Learning in 2002.

Q: Are there any financing options? - I have not fully explored the CollegePlus! web site, so I apologize if this is covered there.

A: Yes. We have an option that is half down up front, then \$150 per month until the remainder is paid off (usually 11-12 months). Keep in mind that the total cost of the degree (\$10-15K) is spread out over a 2+ year period.

Q: How does the coach aid in finding internships in the field they graduate in? What is the process that is used to help the student gain field experience?

A: Internships are extremely important to us at CollegePlus! so that students who want to land an internship will have their coach's wholehearted encouragement. Each student's situation is going to be a little different but there are a number of resources students and coaches can look at together and, in many cases, coaches will be able to help direct the student to resources for resume building, etc.

Q: How do C students in High School do with CollegePlus?

A: The biggest thing we would look for in this situation, is a strong motivation to study. Most of the tests a student would be taking are a pass or fail, with a 50 out of 80 as a passing score (the equivalent of a C grade).

Q: Can funds from college savings plans be used to pay for CollegePlus! while the student is in highschool?

A: If you're referring to a 529 plan, these are specific by state. You can look up your state's 529 guidelines by copying and pasting this link into your web browser:
http://www.savingforcollege.com/college_savings_201/.

Q: How dedicated to the student are the coaches? Will they see the student through to completion of their degree?

A: Our desire is that a student will have the same coach from start to finish. This does happen in a majority of cases with the exceptions being students who felt that they were incompatible with their coach.

Q: In reference to a previous question...What is considered a standard scholarship?

A: Standard scholarships are scholarships that may be used only towards a regular, accredited college.

Q: How do you handle majors that would require lab classes, such as pharmacy and other medical degrees....assuming a BS first through Patrick Henry, then admittance to a university/college with a pharmacy/medical program. Labs for bio, chem, etc are required.

A: First of all, credits from PHC are not accepted by the college we funnel students into because PHC is not regionally accredited. Assuming that the credits were from a regionally accredited institution, they would transfer in easily toward whatever degree the student wanted to pursue.

Q: Can 529 funds be used for CP?

A: These plans are specific by state. You can look up your state's 529 guidelines by copying and pasting this link into your web browser: http://www.savingforcollege.com/college_savings_201/. 529 funds can be applied towards enrollment at Thomas Edison, but most likely not for CollegePlus! tuition or tests.

Q: Are CLEP/Dante tests done through a local school that gives them or are they done through CP or Thomas Edison online?

A: Tests are administered at a local college that offers them. Over 1400 colleges and universities in the U.S. offer CLEP tests.

Q: Can a 14 year old homeschool Freshman enroll in CP?

A: It depends on the student's motivation, self-discipline, and subjects they are taking in high school. Typically, we recommend students start in their junior year of high school.

Q: Lab classes - are they taken at a local college/university, or are labs done at home through classes at Thomas Edison and/or CLEP/Dante?

A: We recommend that courses involving labs be taken at a local, regionally accredited institution and then transferred to Thomas Edison at the appropriate time.

Q: Can CLEPs be taken in any order or is it recommended to begin with a certain one? Is there an age minimum to take a CLEP? Will CLEPs/Dante's transfer to Thomas Edison if they were taken before CP or admission to TE?

A: You can certainly take the CLEP tests in any order that you choose. The College Board keeps your CLEP credits earned on file for 20 years, so as long as you graduate from Thomas Edison by then, they will take those credits. There is no declared age minimum to take a CLEP test, but it is required that you have two forms of ID with at least one being a Photo ID.

Q: Is foreign language required for a BA or BS at Thomas Edison?

A: No, a foreign language is not required for a BA or BS at Thomas Edison.

Q: Would any onsite courses be required for a degree in Marketing?

A: No, they can all be done from home.

Q: Is Real Estate a degree you offer?

A: In some cases this is a possibility, but we can't guarantee that it would work for every student.

Q: Why does CollegePlus? not offer all of the degree plans that Thomas Edison State College lists on their website? I'm interested in the Philosophy major, which is not currently offered by CollegePlus?

A: We do work with degrees that are not listed on our website. Most of the degrees not listed on our website are unfriendly towards accelerated distance learning. In other words, you wouldn't be able to earn such degrees as quick or as cost effective as the degrees we specifically list.

Q: Can one pursue a double major with this program?

A: It is a possibility, but one of the things that we recommend (which speeds up the process) is that you get your bachelor's degree in one of your choice majors and move on to a Master's degree in the next. However, a double major is a possibility.

Q: As a young man with a father who is active in discipling and training me, I am not looking for a discipleship relationship with a CollegePlus! mentor/coach, but rather somebody who effectively give me the plan on what I need to be working on to learn in the most effective manner.

A: You have the opportunity to tailor your coaching to meet your needs. If you want your coaching relationship to major on academics, that's perfectly acceptable.

Q: Do I need to continue with the coaching throughout the process, or can I get started, and finish the plan on my own?

A: Coaching typically runs for 12 months. If you don't need a full 12 months, there may be a partial refund available. However, whenever you are confident to branch out on your own, you are free to do that.

Q: Is coaching only available 8-5 central? Evenings?

A: It depends on the coach's schedule. It can most likely be arranged, or requested specifically when you enroll.

Q: Does CollegePlus! help organize and advise students when trying to get portfolio examinations for credit at TESC?

A: TESC has a specific portfolio course in which students are assigned a mentor who will help them meet the college's requirements for getting credit through portfolio. So, there really isn't a need for CP to help with that process.

Q: How many employers did you interviewed for this poll?

A: The national statistics were taken from leading websites such as Vault, Career Builder, etc.

Q: What is the male/female ratio/breakdown of the CollegePlus! students?

A: Currently, our student base is comprised of 50% males and 50% females (give or take a few students).

Q: The 4 hours required by students per day - what does this time frame cover? Degree in 2 years, etc.?

A: Yes. Study time of 4 hours per day is ample enough for most students to complete their degree in 2 years or less.

Q: If you can't afford to CLEP at the rate/speed that you recommend, can you take longer than the time frame that you suggest and still be part of the program?

A: Definitely. You can go at whatever pace is most feasible for you. High school students living in Minnesota can take up to six CLEP tests free through June 30, 2009. See http://children.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic_Excellence/Postsecondary_College_Prep/CLEP/index.html for more information.

Q: What speed reading program do you use?

A: We use Maximum speed reading by Howard Berg. See <http://shop.globallearningstrategies.org/product.sc?categoryId=1&productId=5> for more information.

Q: Are there other subjects that can be majored in through CollegePlus! other than the ones listed on your site?

A: In some cases there are. This is usually a possibility for students who want to attend a college or university in their local area before transferring credits to CollegePlus! If one such program is available for you, it could be a possibility. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/collegeofyourchoice> for additional information.

Q: If our son were to go through the coaching process and then learn that the degree he was interested/gifted in is not available through CP, what would be the next step?

A: We would make sure the degree he wanted to pursue was available before he joined the program.

Q: If a student learns that his major is not available after the coaching process, what would you suggest?

A: This is something we verify before a student enrolls in CollegePlus!

Q: We've heard a lot of testimonials about how good CP is, but are we going to learn how it works so we can make an informed decision?

A: We definitely want you to make the most informed decision you can before enrolling. The nature of tonight's session is more visionary than informational. However, you can get more information right now by copying and pasting this link into your browser: <http://www.collegeplus.org/infopacket/>.

Q: Does CP ever design a program where the credits could be transferred to another school other than Thomas Edison?

A: Yes. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/collegeofyourchoice> for more information.

Q: What type of classes would be required through Thomas Edison that are not allowed through CP?

A: Any credits that cannot be achieved through CP need to be done through Thomas Edison courses or exams. For some degrees, the amount of credit achieved through CP is close to 100 credits whereas for others it may be as little as 75. Each degree is a little different. Regarding the type of classes, they are usually the upper level division credits needed for the degree major.

Q: Are the classes at Thomas Edison live via internet or DVD?

A: The classes at Thomas Edison are done online, but not in live video format. Each class utilizes the [Blackboard](#) system, and consists of an online portal where discussions, assignments, and resources are posted.

Q: Is it possible to obtain an Engineering degree through CP?

A: Because engineering degrees require a significant amount of on-campus work, it is not a degree that is distance learning friendly. However, we do work with students that want/need to get a degree from another college, other than the one we work with. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/collegeofyourchoice> for more information.

Q: How does CP help with finding apprenticeships or internships?

A: The coach will point the student to various internship opportunities that may be of interest to the student.

Q: What does CollegePlus! require for admittance?

A: Students are required to submit an application and talk with a program advisor before enrolling. We have some academic requirements but these are flexible depending on the student's age and motivation level.

Q: What degree programs do you offer through CollegePlus? Is there a website I can check out with a list?

A: We offer many degree options. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/majors> for a complete list.

Q: What other expenses are involved other than college tuition, after the \$2700 paid to CollegePlus?

A: The next expense following enrollment is the study skills which are available for \$250 on our site (<http://shop.globallearningstrategies.org/product.sc?productId=16>). After this, you will be required to pay for the CLEP and DAN TES tests, which run about \$85 plus an estimated \$10-30 for study materials (that is about \$95-125 per test). At the tail end of the degree, you will need to pay for enrollment into the degree granting institution (usually Thomas Edison State College) and also the remaining courses that are required. This is all included in our cost estimates for majors.

Q: Do you have to complete your degree at Thomas Edison? What if I wanted to send my children to Patrick Henry College? Would they accept CP credits?

A: It would be best to check with PHC to see how many they would accept since we can't really speak for them. The one thing to be aware of is that PHC, while offering top notch training, is not regionally accredited. At times, this is inhibitive for students applying for jobs that require an accredited degree.

Q: I'm concerned about a credible Master's degree. What are the 2 or 3 most common Grad Schools that CP/TESC Grads are accepted into? Are there enough TESC classes for them to issue you a GPA?

A: There is no particular common grad school that CP graduates attend. The more courses you take and do well in, the better your transcript/GPA will look. We haven't found any grad schools to be more/less accepting of these degrees since TESC is looked at the same as any other regionally accredited college/university in the nation.

Q: Are scholarships available?

A: For CollegePlus! tuition itself, we currently don't have any funds available for scholarships. We do offer a payment plan that makes the tuition cost more feasible. Later on in the process, you would be able to apply federal financial aid, if you chose to go that route. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/whatitcosts/scholarshipsfinancialaid> for more information.

Q: What are the Masters Degree distance learning programs?

A: CollegePlus! does not offer masters degree programs. However, the top

Q: Does CP have an Animal Science Major?

A: While we do not list this major specifically, we may be able to work with an Animal Science major. To find out how much we may be able to assist you, fill out our application on our website, and one of our program advisors will be able to discuss this specific situation further.

Q: If you have to be 21 to enter Thomas Edison how do you start in high school?

A: Because CollegePlus! students obtain a large number of credits before enrolling in Thomas Edison, this requirement is bypassed through an appeal letter.

Q: Is there anyway to grab these questions and answers in the chat to save for our information?

A: All of the questions and answers are documented for later reference. You will receive an email within a few days after the webinar with the entire list of questions and answers.

Q: Can you tell me if scholarships could be used for the onsite and/or online classes?

A: Yes, standard scholarships may be used for onsite or online classes, but not for tests (CLEP, DANTES, etc.), books, or CollegePlus! tuition

Q: If you are not needing the Life Planning training, would it be different to just do this on your own, vs. enrolling in CP?

A: Since we map out the entire degree template for each student, there is a difference between doing it on your own and using CP. Highly motivated and adventurous students can do it without a coach's help but most students need some sort of outside guidance.

Q: When Woody refers to taking a break does that mean your CP enrollment is put on hold - or will it require paying for more months of coaching? (That is, will the break time be counted as enrolled time?)

A: Taking a break means to put the coaching on hold. Coaching holds (1-6 months) are free and do not count towards enrolled time. However, to reinstate enrollment, we charge a one-time \$100 administrative fee.

Q: How would you do a music degree?

A: Part of the major is completed through portfolio process (turning past training into college credit) and the other part through taking classes at a local conservatory or college/university.

Q: Do you offer a family consumer science degree?

A: I don't believe we do. However, due to the specialization of the degree, it may be advisable to get a bachelor's degree in a broader area and then study for a master's degree in the more specialized area, unless you already have lots of practical experience in that area and could turn your experience into college credit.

Q: Do you offer any teaching degrees?

A: We do not offer an education degree specifically, but what we recommend to students who wish to pursue education is to get a degree in the area that you would like to teach and then work with your state to get a state-specific teaching certificate.

Q: At what point do you recommend that students start CP?

A: We typically recommend students start as early as their junior year of high school.

Q: If your student is not sure what major they want to pursue, do you recommend waiting to join CP?

A: Actually, a majority of the students that come into our program have not declared a major. We feel that this is not a problem whatsoever, and this is why we put a lot of stock in Life Purpose Planning and the personal coaching. We do expect students to choose a major eventually as they complete the program.

Q: What majors through Thomas Ed are most CLEP/CP friendly?

A: Liberal Studies, Social Sciences, History, and Business General Management are the most CLEP friendly majors we offer. Liberal Studies and Social Sciences don't require any online courses. For a test/course breakdown of all our degrees, please see <http://www.collegeplus.org/infopacket/majorsdegreecosts>

Q: How does that work as far as filing for H.S. credit? If they pass the CLEP is it considered to count for H.S.?

A: CLEP credits count as college credit, but do not count for high school credit in most cases.

Q: My son would like to teach History at a College level and would more than likely need a Masters in History. After the BA History, what would you recommend he do next for his masters?

A: I might recommend that he look into what colleges are looking for in a History professor. As you mentioned, a Masters in History is most likely necessary, so after CollegePlus!, finding a quality History Masters program would be the best bet.

Q: Do you ever plan on offering any Master level degrees in the future?

A: Not at this moment.

Q: Can a student do a dual program, music performance (piano) and nursing?

A: Music performance is definitely a possibility. Nursing, because of its hands on nature, is still not workable through distance education.

Q: How can a student complete a nursing degree?

A: In most cases, we have those who want to pursue a Nursing degree go through our [College of Your Choice program](#). You would pick a Nursing school that you want to graduate from, and we would help you maximize your transfer credit so that you can focus more on the courses within your major.

Q: Can you provide the overview of the program? Where can I go to find this?

A: Yes. Please see <http://www.collegeplus.org/howeare/programoverview> and <http://www.collegeplus.org/howitworks> for more information.

Q: Can an adult student do a master's degree?

A: CollegePlus! does not offer masters degrees at this point.

Q: Tell me more about English and Nursing degree programs.

A: We offer a Pre-Med English degree, which will take the English major supplemented with requirements for medical school.

Q: How would you do an art degree?

A: To start, we would look to see if maybe a broader degree such as Communications or something similar would serve the same function for you. If a more specific major is indeed necessary, then we would work with you to find the best option whether it be going to a local school and just doing a few credits through CollegePlus! or completing an available art major through Thomas Edison State College.

Q: Can you take some courses this way, and get the rest at another college if you do not offer course work to complete a degree, such as engineering?

A: Yes. Please see <http://www.collegeplus.org/collegeofyourchoice> for more information.

Q: Are computer networking and IT classes and certificates offered through CollegePlus?

A: No, not at this moment.

Q: I am a single mother of 5 young children...I don't think I could do a full 4 hours of study a day- is it possible to go longer then the 2 years of college?

A: Yes. We have a number of students that take longer than 2 years to complete their degree.

Q: Is there a higher tuition fee for Canadians and international students?

A: Yes, the first year of tuition for an international student is \$3,599. For more information, see <http://www.collegeplus.org/internationalstudents>.

Q: Is Thomas Edison a Christian school?

A: No, Thomas Edison is a state school based in New Jersey; but while you will be getting a secular degree, you will be studying the material through a Christian worldview.

Q: How does CollegePlus! go about choosing their coaches?

A: You can view our coach screening process at this link:
<http://www.collegeplus.org/howitworks/coachingprocess>.

Q: Can you earn two bachelors degrees at the same time with CollegePlus?

A: Yes. However, keep in mind there is usually a higher cost and time commitment required for dual degrees.

Q: What course work do you generally require?

A: We don't require any specific coursework other than encouraging a student to write a few essays on supplemental Christian study materials. However, we do require and strongly recommend certain textbooks and study resources for each exam. Thomas Edison State College has their own requirements for the courses you would be taking there.

Q: Is there a limit of classes that you can CLEP or can you CLEP as many as possible?

A: You can take as many CLEP tests as you would like. There are 34 CLEP tests available. However, not all of those exams would count towards your major, as each degree's requirements vary. Some degrees may have as few as 10 CLEP tests, while others may have as many as 30.

Q: What is different about studying through a Christian world view? How does that prep you for the CLEP tests?

A: Studying from a Christian worldview doesn't actually prepare students for CLEP exams but it does give them training to combat the humanistic mindset that the world throws at believers today.

Q: If a 14 year old has studied Apologia for the past two years, Saxon math since 4th grade, Worldview for the past year and writing daily, at how many hours would they be able to CLEP out of? Also, would it be better to wait another year to start the program?

A: The number of hours that can be tested out of varies depending on the degree. Some degrees may have as few as 10 CLEP tests, while others may have as many as 30. I would encourage your student to apply so we can better determine the student's ability to start CollegePlus! Typically, we recommend students start in their junior year of high school.

Q: I understand the beginning portion of the program. Would you describe what happens after the CLEP/DANTES portion is completed?

A: After a student obtains a large number of credits by exam, they would enroll in a college such as Thomas Edison to complete the remainder of their degree through online courses (usually no more than 5 or 6).

Q: Will it be a problem if I take the summer off to work as an intern, or if I take a year off to go to a Bible college?

A: We do offer the possibility to take a coaching hold up to 6 months at a time. Holds that extend longer than this are considered on a case by case basis, but it should not be an issue.

Q: The program's total cost includes the coaching fee, supply cost and testing fees...how much more does it cost to enroll at Thomas Edison to finish off the upper-level courses in the average degree that requires it?

A: Thomas Edison's costs are about \$2500 for out of state enrollees for the first year, and in most cases that is all that is required. Course tuition per credit for out of state students is \$175, and the number of courses required to complete a degree varies significantly.

Q: There was a larger discount offer months ago for your program. Is it possible for another one to come around in the next year?

A: Yes, we always have a back to school special offer that ends the last business day of August. I can't guarantee it will be the same exact offer but it will be similar.

Q: How many credits do you allow to be transferred into your bachelor's degree?

A: A typical bachelors degree is 120 credits. We work with students through the whole process from start to finish.

Q: Do you offer training in film?

A: No, not at this point. However, in the past we've offered discounts to students wishing to attend Vision Forum's Christian Filmmakers Academy.

Q: When you say that you enroll in Thomas Edison and then complete your degree, what exactly do you mean by that?

A: Most degrees have a few online courses that need to be taken from Thomas Edison. These courses, along with any required PLAs (Prior Learning Assessment) would be started/completed after enrolling Thomas Edison (3-15 credits). The rest of the credits, such as tests and any onsite courses would be completed before enrolling in Thomas Edison (usually 80-90 credits). After completing 120 credits, you would graduate from Thomas Edison with your BA or BS.

Q: In your average 2 year course, do you allow for time off during the summer or not?

A: We do allow students to put their coaching on hold. However, many students will continue to work on their degree to some extent throughout the summer.

Q: For the credits to transfer to Thomas Edison, is the ACT, SAT, or PSAT required?

A: No.

Q: If a student does not pass a CLEP exam, can it be taken a 2nd time?

A: Yes. CLEP tests may be re-taken once every 6 months.

Q: Do colleges require the ACT, SAT, or PSAT to take the CLEP? Do they require high school graduation?

A: No. The only requirement to take a CLEP is two forms of ID, one of which needs to be a photo ID.

Q: What percentage of students use the CLEP books to study from that are available?

A: 100% use the CLEP books for one degree or another.

Q: If it takes longer than 2 years to get the degree, do you continue to pay an additional fee for the CollegePlus! consulting?

A: CollegePlus! coaching costs are \$2699 for the first year and \$995 for every year after this. So if you do find that you need a third year of coaching, it will only be another \$995.

Q: How much does it cost to take a CLEP or Dantes exam?

A: \$70, plus a \$15-\$25 administrative fee (depends on the college proctoring the test)

Q: How do coaches qualify as being coaches? What are their credentials?

A: [Taken from our website](#): Our coaches are chosen based on three criteria. They must:

- * Be a dedicated Christian and proven teacher of others.
- * Be thoroughly familiar with the accelerated distance learning process through personal experience.
- * Possess strong verbal and written communication skills.

Once coaches are selected, CollegePlus! provides them with an intense training and certification process in which the coaches learn the systems and processes unique to CollegePlus! The coaches also receive ongoing training and performance feedback from our management team and clients.

Q: What percentage of those who start CollegePlus! finish the program?

A: Since our first crop of graduates are just finishing their course of study, we're still gathering those numbers. Initial surveys and preliminary data show an 87% success rate.

Q: Is it difficult for CollegePlus! students to be competitive with traditionally educated students in acceptance in graduate programs? My understanding is that there is not an overall grade or GPA for direct comparison.

A: No. Most degrees earned with CollegePlus! have some Thomas Edison course requirements. Only these courses count towards a student's overall GPA.

Q: Does the coach tell the student where and when the CLEP or Dantes tests are available, or does the student need to research test sites?

A: Yes, the coach will assist the student in finding a test center. However, as to when the college offers the tests, this is usually the student's responsibility.

Q: What percentage is considered passing for a CLEP or Dantes test?

A: A 50 out of a possible 20-80. 50 is the equivalent of a C grade.

Q: If there are courses that need to be onsite, does Thomas Edison college have remote sites to satisfy these requirements?

A: No. Onsite courses would usually be taken at a local community college.

Q: Would your program work well for a non-homeschooled student (assuming they are motivated and have good study habits)? Do you get many public schooled children trying this program after high school?

A: Yes. While the majority of our high school students are homeschooled, a non-homeschool student should have no problem going through CollegePlus! Most of our non-homeschooled students have already graduated high school.

Q: Is it possible to be a part of an ISP while being enrolled in CollegePlus?

A: Yes, we have many students who are part of an ISP for state homeschool requirements. Since much of their study incorporates their high school subjects, there usually isn't a conflict for that.

Q: Have any CollegePlus! students gone on to medical school?

A: Yes, although we're still gathering information on those statistics.

Q: If I wanted to become a Registered Nurse, how would that work?

A: At this time, we can't help students with nursing degrees because the training is so hands on.