## Educational Decision Making

### Why continue my education?
- career opportunities & advancement
- positive role modeling for my family
- intellectual stimulation
- increased earning potential
- self-esteem & confidence
- positive social interactions
- skills upgrade
- certification or licensure

### Options for further study
- traditional college programs
- external degree & independent study
- internships or apprenticeships
- certificates
- online & distance learning
- correspondence courses
- workshops & conferences
- evening & weekend programs

### My considerations in choosing an education program
- admissions requirements
- variety of programs
- schedules & structure
- cost related to available financial aid
- transfer of credits
- alternative ways to earn credits
- location
- student support services

### How do I get the information I need?
- college visits & open houses
- college websites & publications
- VSAC
- auditing classes
- faculty/professionals in the field
- alumni or current students
- VSAC outreach counselor
- Internet

### My success as a student depends on ...
- learning style fit
- access to resources
- managing learning challenges
- study skills
- time management
- personal considerations
- communication skills
- academic skills
The Learning Pyramid

**Lecture**
Listening, auditory

- **average retention rate** 5%
- **Least retained**

**Reading**
Visual, written words

- 10%

**Audio-visual**
See and hear information at the same time; information enters multiple senses

- 20%

**Demonstration**
Real-life examples given for clarification; provides a stimulus with which to associate information

- 30%

**Discussion group**
Verbalization of ideas

- 50%

**Practice by doing**
Repetition, repetition, repetition; practice problems, hands-on learning

- 75%

**Teach others/apply learning**
Use information to show others “how to”; you **must** understand in order to explain to someone else

- 90%

**Most retained**

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