

Contents

PREFACE TO SERIES	<i>ix</i>
CHAPTER 1	
Transition to Postsecondary Education: An Overview	1
The OPEN Model	2
Addressing a Variety of Student Goals	7
Timeline	8
Guide Format	9
CHAPTER 2	
Deciding To Attend a Postsecondary Institution	11
Career Options	11
Postsecondary Options	18
Student Choice	20
CHAPTER 3	
Planning for Postsecondary Education	23
Academic Planning	24
Career Planning	30
Personal–Social Planning	31
CHAPTER 4	
Preparing for Postsecondary Education	33
Academic Preparation	33
Career Preparation	38
Personal–Social Preparation	39
CHAPTER 5	
Exploring Postsecondary Choices	43
Exploring College Options	43
College Exploration Worksheet	46
CHAPTER 6	
Selecting a College or University	51
Learning Support Programs	51
College Costs	52

College Location	54
College Climate and Housing	55
Academic and Career Programs	55
Prioritizing Choices	56
 CHAPTER 7	
Applying to a College or University	59
Admission Options	59
The Application Process	60
Financial Aid	64
Alternate Plans	65
Final Thoughts	65
 APPENDIX: RESOURCES	67
 REFERENCES	69
 ABOUT THE AUTHOR	73

© copyrighted material by PRO-ED, Inc.