

Adults Do College Better

The definitive guide for
making college work
for working adults.



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3 Reasons Adults Are Better at Education

It's ironic to see articles about how difficult it is for working adults to go back to school because our experience is that adults actually are better at it than teenagers. Here is why:

1. Adults know what they want.

Time and experience provide wide examples of careers and jobs. They open the door to possibilities. They also show adults what they are good at and where they should focus.

2. Adults know how to focus.

While it's true that adults often have more demands on their time, they also are better at focusing time and attention, so they're typically more productive with their time.

3. Adults are goal-oriented.

Adults are likely to stick with a commitment until it is complete. Our adult learners have a high rate of program completion.



Schedule a Personal Advising Session

with a helpful and knowledgeable Bellevue University enrollment counselor. It's free. It's personal, confidential, and convenient. And there's no obligation.

5 TIPS for Going Back to School as an Adult

Even with a mature outlook, we know that education can represent a commitment. Here are some tips to help you:

1 Select a school that knows how to work with working adults.

The school you started at may have been good for 18-year-olds, but you've changed. Be sure to select a school that has experience in working with working adults. Adults need a university with services they can access when convenient for them and helpful counselors who know what it's like to go back to school as an adult.

The truth is that most colleges are not designed for working adults. Don't waste time considering them, because they will cost you time and money.

2 Take advantage of every dollar of education funding available to you.

College doesn't have to be a financial burden. As an adult, you may have access to corporate tuition assistance. As an employee of a Bellevue University corporate partner, you have incremental funding available. And, you have access to helpful, knowledgeable financial aid counselors who won't bog you down in paperwork.

3 Take advantage of the learning you already have.

Most adults have already taken some college courses. If that's you, be sure to get credit for them. When you get credit for courses you've already taken, you start ahead...which means you spend less time and money and finish faster.

At Bellevue University, we also will consider other forms of prior learning, like professional licenses, some corporate and military training, and for-credit exams.

4 Pick a major that excites you.

By now you probably have a professional area that you'd like to move in to. Select a major that gives you the educational background needed to move into the career or job of your dreams. Because, let's face it, there will be days when you'll bog down on long assignments. So make sure the end goal of your work is worth it.

5 Make a plan that sets aside time and a place to study.

We know you're focused. Support your goals by devoting a place for study in your home or office with access to the Internet, and set a time when you can concentrate. Here is where it helps to work with a university that understands working adults – they make it possible for you to study when it's convenient for you, instead of contorting your schedule to conform to a rigid academic framework.





Bellevue University was founded to serve working adult students.

We've helped nearly 60,000 adults achieve their education goals. We know you can do it. We're here to help.

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Your Personal Advising Session is focused on you and your needs. It's your chance to explore different degrees. Ask about:

- your career goals and how different majors fit
- graduates with those degrees
- what's involved in coursework and assignments
- credit toward your degree from courses you've already taken
- finances and funding

This is your opportunity to find out everything you need to know to make the decision to join the thousands of adult learners who earned their degrees at Bellevue University.

Schedule Your Personal Advising Session Today!

