

Choosing a Career College

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10 Factors to Consider When Changing Your Career or Upgrading Your Skills

Follow This Step-By-Step Guide to Choose the Right Career College for You



Top 10 Factors to Consider

Choosing a new career is a life-changing decision, and finding the right college is just as crucial. The right career college can equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to thrive in your chosen field. Before committing to a career college, explore your options, ask thoughtful questions, compare services, and evaluate how each institution aligns with your goals. We've outlined 10 factors to look for in a career college to set you up for success.

1 Hands-On Courses

Colleges offering hands-on courses provide a valuable advantage, especially for mastering modern technologies. Learning by doing often proves more effective than relying solely on theory. Look for colleges that go beyond the basics, offering practical, hands-on training. This approach not only equips you with essential skills but also builds confidence and gives you a competitive edge in your career.

2 Enter the Workforce Within 12 Months

Make sure to join a program that teaches the skills you need to join the workforce. Your college shouldn't force you to take courses that don't relate to your dream job. You should be able to focus on programs that give you the exact skills you need to be employed by the time you graduate and start earning money right away by applying them in the real world.

3 Industry-Experienced Instructors

Look for colleges whose instructors are knowledgeable, passionate, creative, flexible, and able to connect with students. Instructors should have real-world industry experience. Through their own experience in overcoming obstacles and developing successful careers, instructors gain the insight needed to serve as mentors and coaches to their students. There is no better way to become successful than to learn from someone who has built their own successful career.

4 Seminars and Networking Events

Networking events and seminars enable students to connect with one another to exchange job information, share valuable professional contacts, and build lifelong personal and professional bonds. Statistics show that most people find their first job through a personal connection. Be sure to look for a college that promotes networking so you can make the connections you need to be successful in your field.

5 Industry-Recognized Curriculums

Look for colleges that frequently update their curriculums in line with advances in the field. You should get the most up-to-date skills and knowledge from your courses to give yourself a competitive edge when applying for jobs.

6 Globally-Recognized Diploma

Colleges registered as career colleges under the *Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005*, enable students to use financial aid services and offer globally recognized programs.

7 Free Refresher Courses

Colleges that offer free refresher courses are hard to find, but they are invaluable. Retaking courses without incurring additional costs allows you to solidify your knowledge and update your skills. As you compare course refresh policies, make sure you look for colleges that offer this option at no additional cost to you.

8 Financial Support

One of the biggest stressors of training for a new career is the financial commitment. Look for schools that will help you navigate private and public funding sources.

9 Career Services

Launching a new career requires more than upgrading your professional skills; you also need job-hunting and interviewing skills to land that dream job. Look for colleges with programs that include professional skills, such as résumé writing, design and development, and interview preparation. Having career services built into your college can eliminate a considerable amount of the stress you may face when seeking employment after graduation.

10 Instructor-Led Courses

Getting guidance from instructors instead of just reading from your books or doing your own research is crucial for success. It is important to learn from instructors because they can answer questions, provide feedback, and encourage interaction and participation.



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Benefits	NetSoft College of Technology	Other Colleges
Hands-On Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Build the Skills You Will Need in Your IT Career Through Real-World Applications NetSoft combines formal educational methods with real-world applications and hands-on experience. While both approaches promote skill development, many of our students find that the best way to learn is by doing. At NetSoft, you will apply what you learn in the classroom to everyday career situations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Enter the Workforce Within 12 Months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Graduate and Enter the Workforce Within 12 Months NetSoft's programs are structured so that you can graduate with a diploma and join the workforce in one year or less, allowing you to pay debts faster and begin your career sooner. At NetSoft, you will not be forced to take elective courses that do not pertain to your chosen career. Instead, you can focus your time on the courses that directly apply to your field of study.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Industry-Experienced Instructors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Learn from Instructors with Industry Experience NetSoft only employs instructors who are knowledgeable, passionate, creative, flexible, and able to connect with students. Our instructors have real-world experience and insight and are trained to coach students toward their goals based on their abilities. As a NetSoft student, you will have instructors available to provide the support and mentorship you need as you launch your career.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Seminars and Networking Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Create a Professional Network with Free Seminars and Events NetSoft offers seminars and events to help our graduates connect with one another and jump-start their careers by exchanging job details, sharing professional contacts, and building lifelong bonds. Statistics show that most people find their first job through a personal connection, which is why NetSoft is committed to helping our students create broad professional networks.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Industry-Recognized Curriculums	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Study Industry-Recognized Curriculums NetSoft's curriculum is updated frequently to stay aligned with the demands of the IT industry. NetSoft's instructors develop course programs that result in certifications, giving graduates more credibility and recognition in the job market. Certified graduates are often given priority over other applicants, as employers are confident that they have the skills necessary to be successful in the workforce.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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Benefits	NetSoft College of Technology	Other Colleges
Globally-Recognized Diploma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Graduate with a Globally Recognized Diploma NetSoft is registered as a career college under the <i>Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005</i> , and programs offered by NetSoft are recognized worldwide.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Free Refresher Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Gain Confidence with Free Refresher Courses NetSoft's graduates receive free refresher courses at no cost. Graduates can solidify their knowledge or refresh their skills by retaking courses as needed without incurring additional costs. Please note that in the unlikely event that course prices or materials change, students are required to pay the difference.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Fund Your New Career with Easy Financing In addition to various government programs, NetSoft can help you finance your education over the course of your program. NetSoft can also recommend banks to assist you with loans for tuition fees. Most loans will be arranged as a student line of credit. Please refer to our <i>Financial Aid</i> (https://www.netsoftcollege.com/financial-aid/) guide for more information about financial support options.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Career Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Get the Job-Seeking Skills You Need to Launch Your Career NetSoft knows that career development provides the foundation for lasting professional achievement. This is why we offer a career preparation course called Hire Me (Career and Employment Strategies). The Hire Me course trains students in résumé writing, interview preparation, and other employment-seeking strategies. NetSoft's Hire Me (Career and Employment Strategies) course trains students to handle the industry's toughest interviews, increasing their success rate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Instructor-Led Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Participate in 100% Instructor-Led Courses NetSoft's courses provide more opportunities for participation, encouraging students to interact with their classmates and instructors.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No