Hello and welcome to Get Ready for College. We are very excited that you have an interest in learning more about college and ways you can prepare to make your transition to life after high school a success. College is not for everyone, but it is an option that every student and family should consider. It is a big commitment and if you are thinking about possibly attending college, one of the best things you can do is to start preparing for it now!

This course will get you started on the path to preparing for your future by exposing you to the differences between high school and college, typical admission requirements, costs associated with college, and the various college degrees and training programs. Throughout this course, the importance of self-awareness is emphasized. Knowing your strengths, preferences, interests, and support needs in various environments will play a critical role in your college success. You will be introduced to the services, resources, and supports offered at most colleges along with the process for accessing accommodations for students with disabilities. Knowing the process for accessing these supports and services before college begins puts one foot in the right direction for college success.

Most students often wonder what it’s like to be in college. Attending college can lead to opportunities for growth, independence, and challenges. It can be fun and exciting, yet stressful. Everyone’s college experience will vary depending on the college you attend, the location, size, and courses you decide to take. In each lesson, you will find a portfolio assignment, along with an “Expanding Your Knowledge” activity. Take advantage of these resources. These activities will help you to learn more about yourself while equipping you with important considerations and tasks to complete when planning for life after high school.

Are you ready to learn, what college life is really like? Begin by watching the first video presentation, “The Difference Between High School and College”. This presentation will get you started on learning about the expectations of college and provide you with information on the changes you can expect. Let's get started.