

21 Questions Every Adult Learner Should Ask

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About Graduate Philadelphia

We help advance social and economic mobility of non-traditional adult learners through postsecondary degree attainment, workforce advancement, and living wage employment.

Graduate Philadelphia works at the seams of postsecondary education, workforce development and community empowerment to address the immediate and long-term economic needs of families and households.



Importance of Asking Questions

- Learn from adult learner experiences
- Increase self-awareness
- Harness reflection
- Apply informed planning
- Promote alignment
- Practice self-advocacy

21 Questions to Ask

1. Where am I in my career?
2. What do I enjoy most about my job now?
3. Where do I want to be in my career?



Skills & More

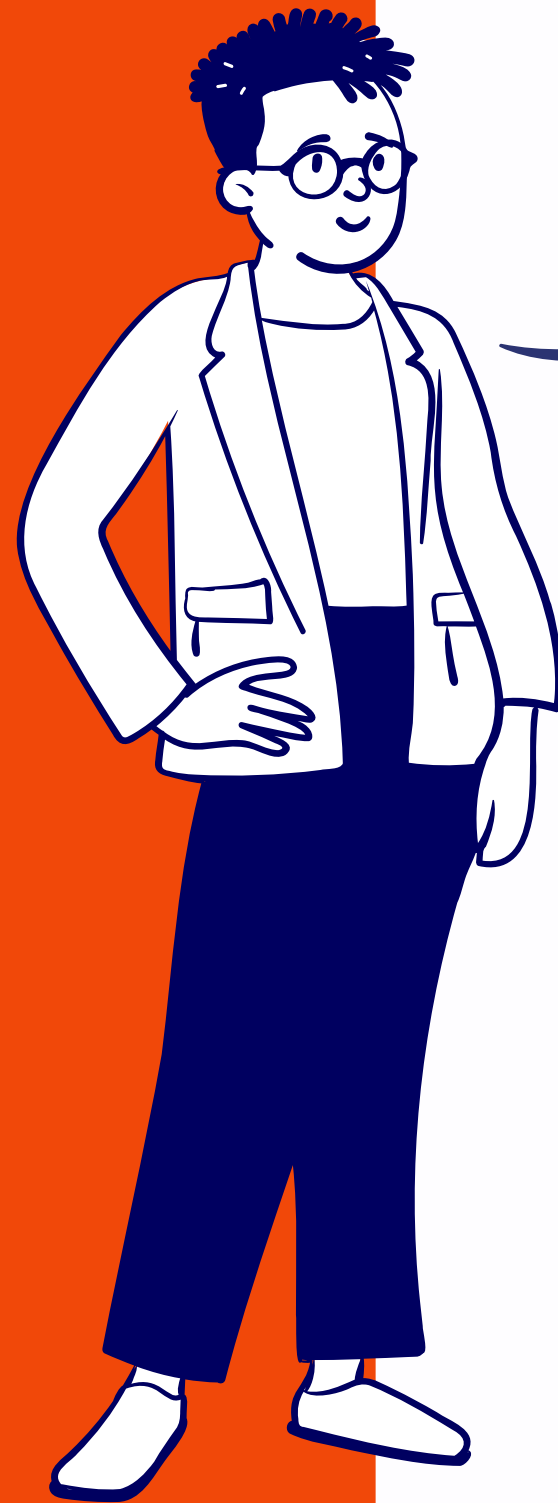
4. Are my skills current?

5. What skills do I need to build on?

6. What new skills do I need to acquire for my job or for my career longevity?

7. How can I learn new skills or obtain new knowledge?





How soon do I need to start?

Consider your needs, timing, and time
commitment.

Focus on Learning



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What type of learning experiences have I had so far?

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Will my learning and/or previous knowledge transfer or be recognized?

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What type of program interests me?

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How do I learn best?

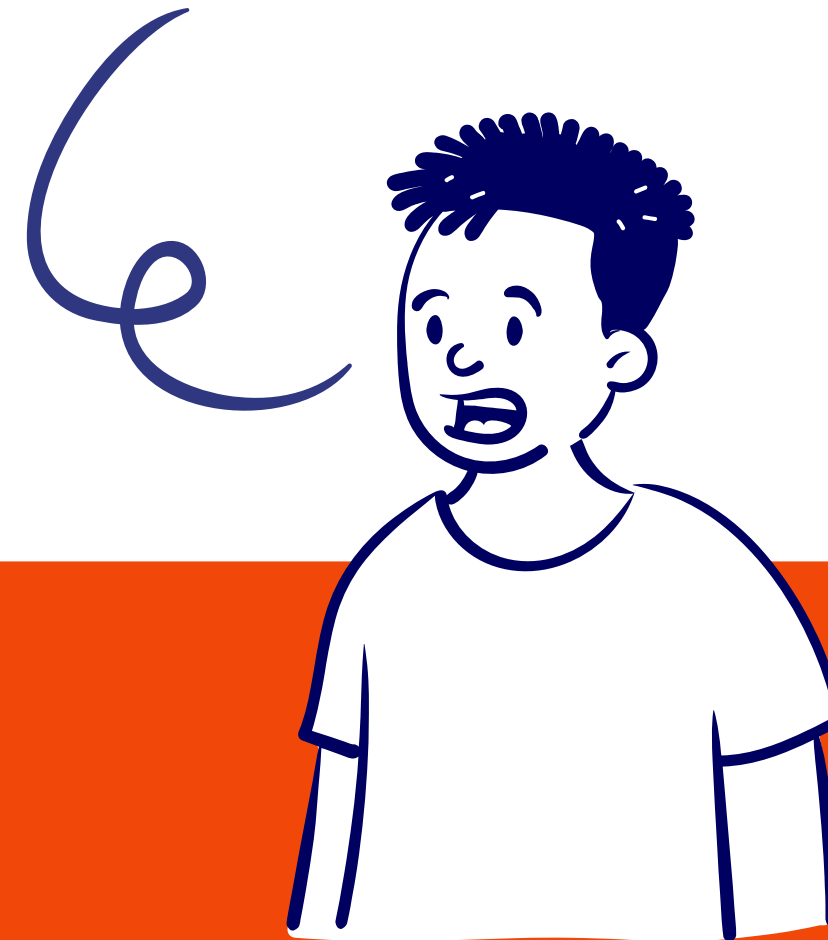
Think about the type of learning experiences and approaches that you have benefitted from the most?





13. What type of program fits my schedule?

Consider your work, life, living
needs



14. What type of school do I need?

Your answer will typically depend
on several factors

Identify Your Needs



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What is my level of proficiency with technology as a student?

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What resources do I need to be a successful learner?

Fund Your Learning.

Understand the options and learn the language to assist you.

17. What financial resources are available to me?

18. What is the difference between a scholarship, a loan, and a grant?



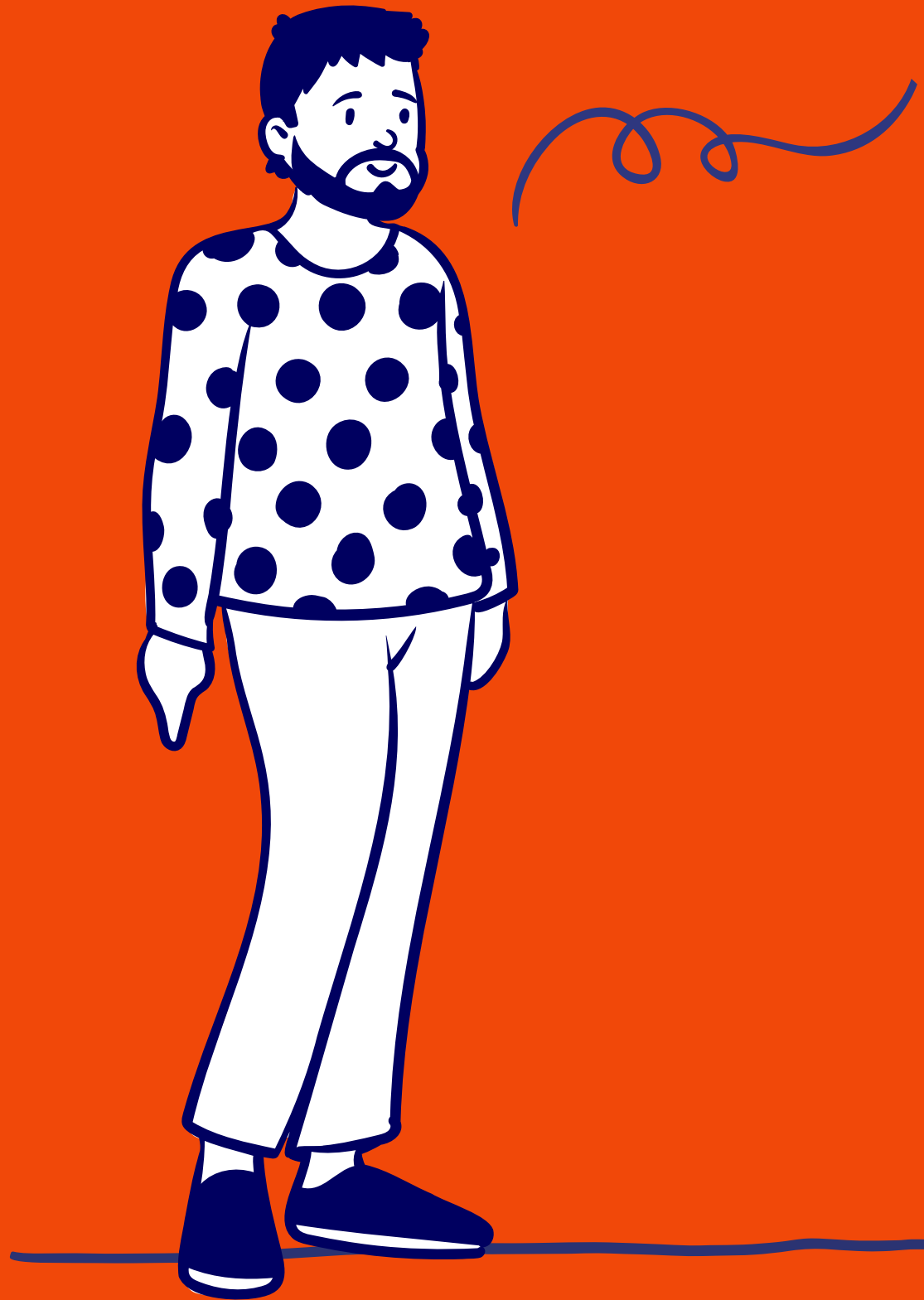
Enhance Your Experience

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What are the benefits of advising?

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How do I build a strong support system in order to be successful?



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What is my biggest concern?

Identify and address fears or
concerns about returning to school
as an adult learner.

Questions?

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