

Activity 1 PART 2: MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

Circumstances change, and different people have different objectives. Here are two more scenarios to consider.

Scenario 2

Imagine you are considering going to State College part-time. You will take 3 classes each semester for 10 credit hours per semester. All your other costs will be the same as if you were going to school full-time. Meanwhile, you will earn \$12/hour working part-time for 60 hours per month. Use the chart from Part 1 to calculate your education costs with this new data. Then answer the questions below.



1. What will be the annual cost of attendance? \$ _____
2. How much of this annual cost will be covered by your earnings during the school year? \$ _____
3. Subtracting your earnings, what is the total amount you would need to borrow for your college education? \$ _____
4. Assuming full-time students graduate in 4 years, how long will it take you to finish going part-time? _____
5. What will be your total cost of attendance over that period of time before you subtract any earnings? \$ _____
6. How does this compare to the cost of attending full-time for four years? _____
7. Do you think this is a reasonable strategy? Why or why not? _____

Scenario 3

Now use the chart from Part 1 to evaluate a completely different educational scenario.



1. Instead of State College, you decide to attend a 2-year vocational school. Assume that the costs are the same as for State College. What would be your total education cost over two years? \$ _____
2. After graduating from vocational school, you land a job earning \$34,500 per year. Two years later, a friend who went to State College for four years gets a job earning \$42,000 per year. Use the chart below to compare your and your friend's educational ROI after 10 years, assuming that you both keep the same salary for that period.

	Annual Salary	Years of Work	Earnings	Cost of Education	ROI
YOU (VOCATIONAL SCHOOL)	\$	x 10	= \$	- \$	= \$
YOUR FRIEND (4-YEAR COLLEGE)	\$	x 10	= \$	- \$	= \$

