

We asked real college professors: If you could offer one piece of advice to a student entering his or her first year of college, what would it be? Here's what they said.

Advice: My advice is, be ready for "shift" to happen. This is a time of change in terms of how you will be viewed. You will be seen and treated as an adult and, in many cases, as a professional in training. Therefore expectations will be scaled accordingly. You will be expected (and helped) to take on increasing responsibility, to become more self directed and develop a personal set of ethics. So get ready for the big adventure.
- *Richard Kelly, Professor
Child & Youth Worker Program
George Brown College*

Advice: As you start your studies and continue through them, never stop experimenting. Keep being open to alternative ways of thinking and explore as broadly and deeply as possible. This will open up new and exciting worlds and unthinkable possibilities."
- *Marcin Kedzior, Professor,
Interior Design, Humber College*

Advice: If I could offer one piece of advice to a student starting college it would be: Be prepared to grow and be open to change. Most students enter post-secondary with the idea that many aspects of their lives will be different, school, living, relationships and proximity to parents/families.

But many students are not prepared that post-secondary education requires students to change their way of thinking as well. Students must be prepared to



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broaden their thinking, to broaden their understanding of the world.

Of course, students will learn new knowledge and skills, but this also means that they will act differently as well. Students who do well in post-secondary are those who continue to find ways to broaden their thinking and act accordingly - whether it be through making a variety of new friends, getting to know professors, doing their reading, developing new study habits, being involved in new extracurricular

activities. To benefit fully from the rich experience of post-secondary learning, students must be open to new possibilities and be prepared to grow and change.
- *Beth Stockton, Professor, School of Early
Childhood, George Brown College*

Advice: It is imperative that you keep yourself organized. Procrastination won't work at college. Treat your post-secondary education like a workplace - your studies, assignments, tests and presentations should be professionally completed and researched as if it was for a million dollar contract in your future workplace. The discipline that you will need to keep organized will help you not only maintain a high grade point average, it will help you get the future job you want!"
- *Patricia Kimmereer, professor,
School of Interdisciplinary Studies
& Employment Services,
Durham College*