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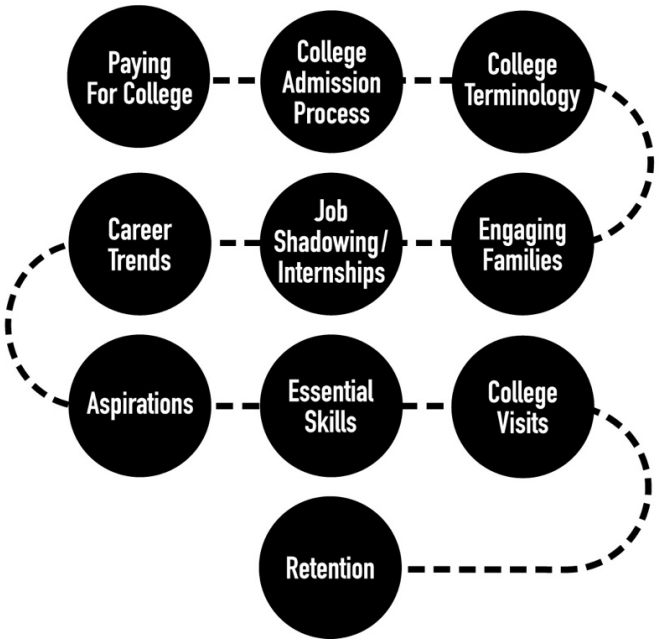
Most Important Things for CCR Advisors to Know



1. **Paying for College**: Advisors help students understand how to afford college (grants, scholarship, loans, etc.) and navigate the financial aid process (e.g., FAFSA completion).
2. **College Admissions Process**: Advisors make sure students are aware of the timeline for applying to college and steps required for admission. This includes researching colleges; being aware of deadlines for applications, standardized tests, financial aid, and scholarships; planning for college.
3. **College Terminology**: Students are exposed to college vocabulary in order to build their knowledge around college pathways. This terminology includes words like major, minor, loan, merit scholarship, and athletic scholarship.
4. **Career Trends**: Advisors help students track the direction of fast-growing, in-demand jobs and understand the skills required for success within that particular field.
5. **Job Shadowing and Internships**: You can't be what you don't see. Job-shadowing and internship opportunities expose students to the workplace.
6. **Engaging Families**: Advisors invite families to be part of the process by building relationships and providing information to prepare a student for success together.
7. **College Visits**: Visiting college campuses in person or virtually allows students to see themselves as college bound while also exposing them to experiences that will enable them to make an informed decision about where to apply/attend.
8. **Aspirations**: Advisors focus on nurturing and celebrating a student's interest and ambition of achieving their future goals.
9. **Essential Skills**: These are six critical skills students need to develop and practice in order to be successful in college, career, and beyond.
10. **Retention**: Advisors ensure that students stay in college and attain a degree on time.