

## **Am I Ready?**

### **Have I completed all of the general education courses?**

At MATC all *required* general education courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Some programs require “B-” or better for the Natural Science courses (NATSCI) before you are permitted to take core technical courses. Discuss the requirements with your counselor.

### **What are the keys to success in my program?**

Successful students attend all classes and read and comply with course syllabi, the Health Occupations and MATC Student Handbooks.

We encourage you to think carefully about **all** of the following **prior** to submitting your petition:

### **Should I work while taking core technical program courses?**

Successful students work a limited amount of hours each week. The core technical courses demand an extraordinary amount of time. Working a full-time job is extremely difficult to do while enrolled in these courses. We recommend limiting your work hours per week to increase your chance of success.

### **Have I included my family?**

Successful students have supportive immediate and extended families. Family members will soon learn that you will not be as readily available as in the past. These adjustments can be very difficult, so we encourage students to have an honest dialogue with family members before submitting a petition.

### **Is this the “right” time for me?**

Beginning core technical courses in Health Occupations will require a great commitment on your part. Ask yourself: Is this the right time for me to begin the program? Do I have reliable childcare? Do I have reliable transportation? Am I financially prepared? Do I have family support?

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### **Is this the “right” career for me?**

Students are encouraged to fully explore their selected career. If you are uncertain about your career, why not attend one of the career planning workshops offered through the MATC Counseling Department?

**Exploring MATC College Majors** is a 3 hour seminar to help individuals choose a career from one of the MATC program areas. Participants will complete an interest inventory, identify personality type and match career areas to interest. The workshop looks at labor market trends including where the hot careers are, how to enter those careers and typical salaries for those areas. To register for this workshop, please call the Counseling office (Downtown Campus) at 414-297-6267 or visit the Counseling Office at the other MATC regional campuses.

### **Career Directions Workshop (CAREER-422)**

This two-session workshop is designed for people who are ready for a career change, are considering one, or want in-depth career exploration. Participants explore career trends and identify personal interests, personality preferences, skills and work values. Interactive activities, assessments and a variety of other instruments are used. The three-hour, two-day sessions with a professional career counselor also cover labor market trends, salaries, career decision making and more. There is a registration fee for this workshop that covers the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Please visit [www.matc.edu](http://www.matc.edu) and click on Infonline for class availability.