Creating an Account, Logging In, and Completing the Paths for GradReady

These step-by-step instructions are for incoming first-year students who are required to complete financial literacy education components using the GradReady financial literacy software.

How to Create an Account and Login to GradReady

Step 1: Go to https://oafa.pitt.edu/financialaid/financial-literacy. The link to GradReady is posted in the first description. It will direct you to The University of Pittsburgh’s GradReady site.

Step 2: Click “Create an Account.”
Step 3: Fill out *all* boxes as indicated below and click “I agree.” “Pitt ID (XXXXXXX) is required.”

Step 4: Enter your Pitt email and password and click “Login.”

How to Complete GradReady Path 1 Videos

Step 1: Complete the “Pre-Course Assessment 1” as soon as you login.

Step 2: Click “Path 1: Paying for College.”
Step 3: Watch the videos provided. Please rate each video when finished.

Step 4: After watching each set of videos, take the quiz on the right.

How to Complete GradReady Path 2 Videos

Step 1: Complete the “Pre-Course Assessment 2” for Path 2 under the “My Account” “hamburger” menu option.

Step 2: Watch the videos provided. Please rate each video when finished.
Step 3: After watching each set of videos, take the quiz on the right.

Additional Information

Please note:

There are other helpful tools within GradReady. These are optional, but students are encouraged to review them.

1. **Helpful Resources and Frequently Asked Questions**: On each video screen, there is a “Helpful Resources” section and a “Frequently Asked Questions” link which include beneficial worksheets for further study.

   **Example**

   **Resource:**

   **Ladder of Smart Borrowing:**
   For Undergrad Students 2016 - 2017 Academic Year

   When you're paying for school, you have a lot of options. If grants and scholarships don't cover the cost, you may need to consider student loans. Depending on your situation, some options may make more sense than others.

   Think of it like this: Start with options that are the least painful then work your way up.

   **Helpful Resources**
   - Understanding Your Bank Statement
   - Choosing a Bank and Bank Account
   - Banking Basics FAQ

   **Example Resource:**

   **How to Fund your Education FAQ**

   1. **Who needs to file?**
      - Fill out the FAFSA application for Federal Student Aid. You must file this form each year you are enrolled in school to be eligible for federal aid.

   2. **What is the FAFSA?**
      - The FAFSA is a financial aid application for college that students must complete to be eligible for federal aid.
2. **Financing Plan**: Use this tool to plan ahead for the costs associated with higher education by inputting costs as well as financial aid award numbers, etc. Available in Path 1.

3. **Debt-O-Meter**: Use this tool to track debt to future income throughout a student's academic career. Available in Path 2.
4. **Budget**: Use this tool to setup a budget for student finances. Available in Path 1.

If you have questions or need assistance while completing the required GradReady paths please reach out to the First Year Experience office, 412-648-2172 or email us at fye@pitt.edu. Students can also post questions in the Pitt Class of 2020! Facebook page.