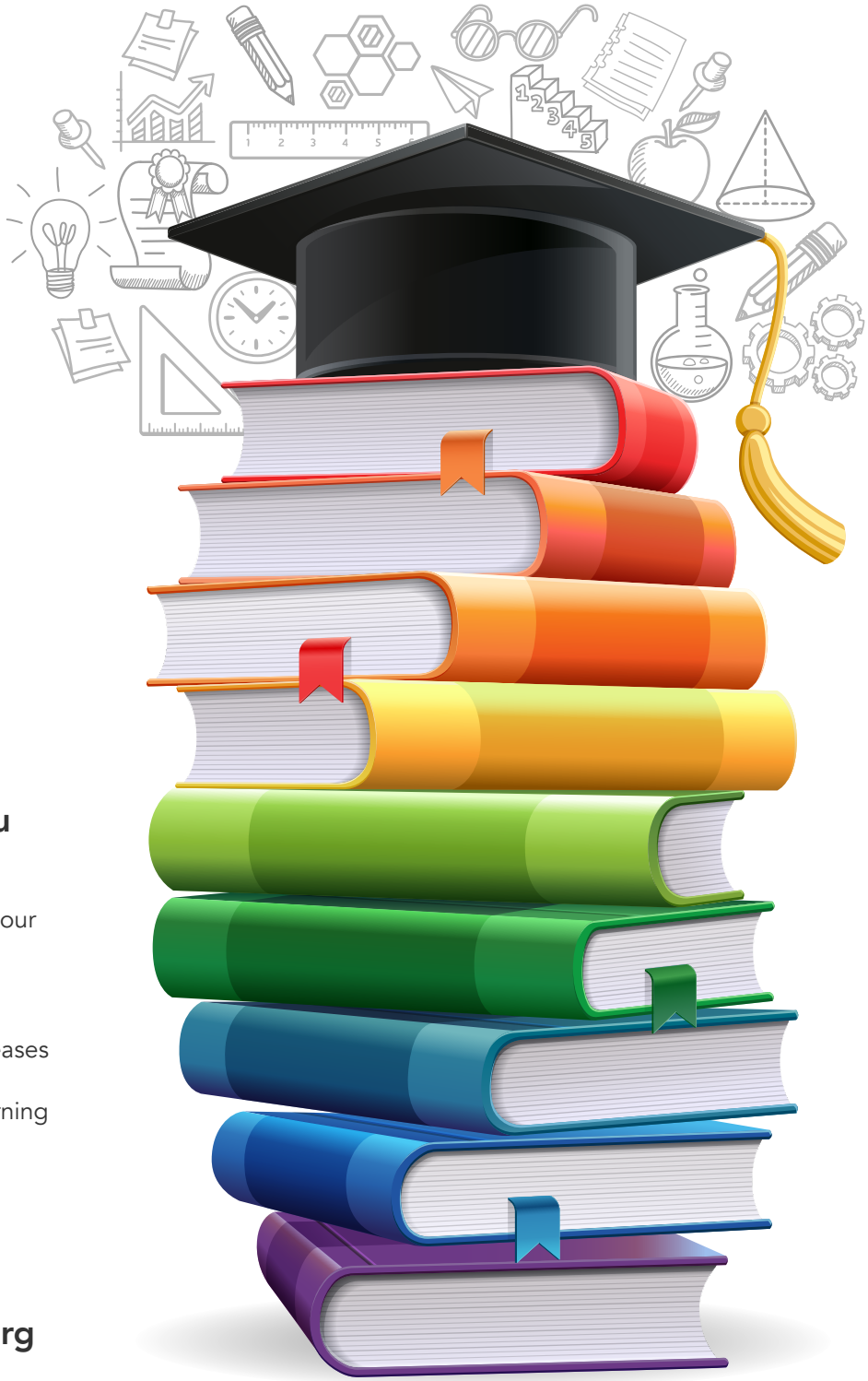
ADULT AND NONTRADITIONAL LEARNERS

3 Steps for Going Back to School

Attending college as an adult or after a gap year is a big decision, but one that can provide long-term benefits!



STEP 1 BRAINSTORM

Know your WHY!

- Why are you going back to school?
- Who will this move impact?
- How much of a difference will this make?

STEP 2 CREATE AN ACTION PLAN

Find the Right College for You

- Research colleges and universities that fit your interests
- Identify majors and programs that meet your criteria; find out how long they will take
- Consider online or part-time programs
- Explore careers that pique your interest
- Calculate the costs and the possible increases to your earning potential
- Find out if you can get credit for prior learning

STEP 3 TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Create an account on CFNC.org

- Search NC careers
- Apply to NC colleges
- Complete RDS for in-state tuition and grants; and so much more!
- Fill out the FASFA
- Get support

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