

The ASPIRE Program ^[1]

Saint Joseph's University

The Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support has a two-fold mission of preparing the autism professionals of tomorrow while serving families and individuals affected today. The Kinney Center offers a wide array of programs to support people on the spectrum. Our Bridge to Possibilities program through both our ASPIRE College Bridge and Vocational Bridge programs help students with autism make the transition from high school to any post-secondary education and from both high school and post secondary to the work place.

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

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General

Public or private::

Private

Type of school::

4-year college or university

Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:

Yes

Students in this program::

Have graduated or exited from high school

Are still enrolled in high school

Number of students::

50

Description of our summer transition program::

College Bound Retreat An immersive, overnight retreat for high school students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who are planning to enroll in college or similar postsecondary education following graduation. Kinney’s College Bound Retreat provides specialized support, over the course of 4 days and 3 nights, to kick-start the achievement of participant’s long-term educational goals.

Attendees of the retreat learn about: • autism support at the college level, • living away from home, • choosing an area of study, • social and daily living skills to navigate a college campus, • and the different types of social relationships. Program Highlights • Reside in, tour and utilize Saint Joseph’s University facilities to experience and envision campus life (residence halls, classrooms, gym, dining hall, library, etc.) • Presentation and discussion of college life through the eyes and stories of a college student with ASD • Information on commuting options and options for residence hall living • Explore majors, minors, classes and other academic programs • Introduction to connecting with available support on campus, including the Office of Student Success and the Office of Student Disability Services • Learn about extra-curricular activities and student clubs • Tips for managing social relationships •

Meals will be provided each day and are included in the cost of the program Transportation to and from campus will be required on the first and day last of programming

Requirements**Accepts out-of-state students?::**

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

Rolling

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates**Program length::**

Varies from student to student

Cost**Is this program able to provide federal financial aid as a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP)?:**

No

Students pay for the program in the following ways::

- Private pay (student and family)
- Tuition Waivers
- Vocational Rehabilitation Funds
- Scholarships
- Adult intellectual/developmental disability state agency funds
- Local School District funds
- Federal Financial Aid

- Grant Funding

Scholarships available::

The Kinney Center has some scholarships available to offset fees associated with the program.

Academic

Students enrolled in this program take the following types of inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities):

Typical college courses for credit

Typical college courses for audit

Students do not take typical college courses

More about course access::

Courses available vary depending on students abilities. Some people are eligible for college courses for credit and some are not.

Students take courses that are only for students in this program::

Yes

Do students earn a credential of any kind when they complete this program?:

Yes

Credential(s) students earn upon completing the program::

Varies based on program

Employment

Percent of students in this program have paid work while attending the program::

10%

Other career development activities are::

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service
- Work Study

Percent of students in this program that had paid work after exiting the program::

80%

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

Yes

Housing options available::

- Inclusive on campus
- Specialized on campus

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

Facebook:

[link to program Facebook page](#) ^[5]

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have:

Autism

Does this program have a working partnership with VR to provide funding, supports and/or services to students in the program?:

Yes

Are students in this program able to access support services through your IHE disability services office?:

Yes

Instructions:

In the form below is the information that is currently listed on our website for your program. Please click on each green tab, look over all fields and change any information that needs to be updated. There is no need to save after completing each tab, but you **MUST** click Save at either the top or bottom of this form after going through and making any necessary changes. You can save at any time and you may save and leave and return later to make additional changes or add new information. Green check marks will appear in the tabs on the left when you have filled out all questions in a section. Please make every attempt to answer all questions--but if you can't, the form will still save and we will use the information you can provide to create your updated record.

Date program information submitted:

2020-10-15

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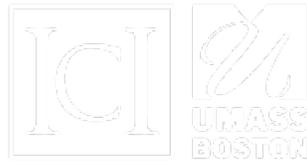
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