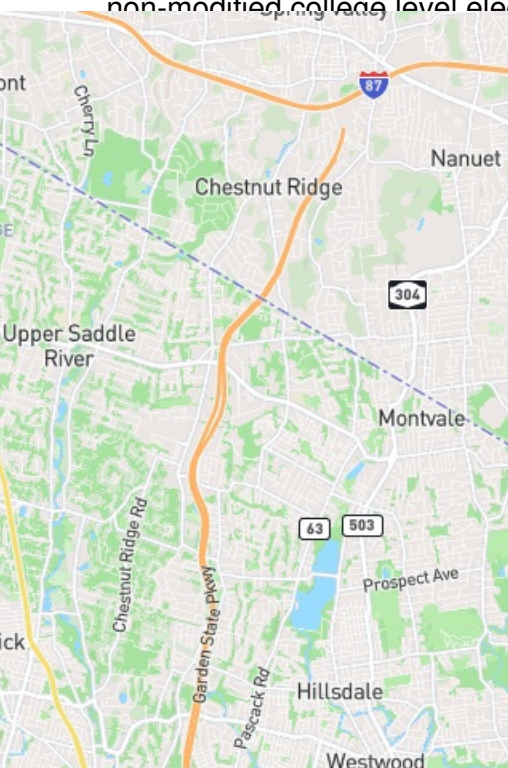


## Turning Point Program <sup>[1]</sup>

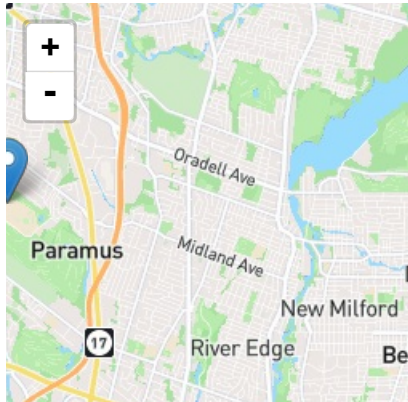
### Bergen Community College

The program utilizes student-centered planning, enhanced academic and peer mentoring support to provide an inclusive college experience that promotes the advancement of skills and knowledge in the areas of career/vocational skill development, academic enrichment, and socialization. Program goals focus on assisting students in developing the skills and experiences necessary to prepare them for adult life in the areas of employment, self-determination and decision making skills. Participants who successfully complete all program requirements will receive a non-degree Certificate of Achievement through the Division of Continuing Education. The Division of Continuing Education and Turning Point Program are now teaming up to offer a variety of Career Path credentialing options to enrolled students. Successful completion of these credentialing options will assist students in attaining competitive employment within their chosen field after graduation. Current Career Path options include: Child Development, Associate Dietary Aide, Certified Logistics and Manufacturing, and OSHA 10, Office Technology, Hospitality and Retail. The Turning Point Program at Bergen Community College, is a two-year inclusive postsecondary transition program for students with intellectual disabilities ages 18-30 for students who are dual-enrolled under IDEA or have exited high school. The program is full time, non-residential and located on Bergen Community College's campus in Paramus, NJ. Students do not have to reside in Bergen County or the State of New Jersey to participate. Turning Point's approach utilizes student-centered planning, enhanced academic and peer mentoring support to provide an inclusive college experience that promotes the advancement of skills and knowledge in the areas of career/vocational skill development, academic enrichment, and socialization. Program goals focus on assisting students in developing the skills and experiences necessary to prepare for adult life in the areas of employment, self-determination, self-advocacy and decision making. Academic coursework is modified to meet a 3rd – 5th grade equivalency in reading and math. Students also have the opportunity to take non-modified college level electives in an area of interest and a Career Pathway Credentialing and



align with a student's vocational goal. Turning Point students have access to student support services that are available to anyone enrolled at Bergen Community College. Students can participate in campus clubs, activities and service learning projects. Turning Point provides Pre-Employment Transition Services including, work-based learning experiences both on the Bergen Community College campus and off-campus, supported internships in each student's local community, workplace readiness training, and instruction in self-advocacy. Travel training is provided to help students prepare for their off-campus internships. Students will explore career options based on skill assessments and determine their vocational goal based on skills, interests, and abilities. Participants who successfully complete all program requirements will receive a non-degree Certificate of Achievement through the Division of Continuing Education. The Division of Continuing Education and Turning Point Program offer a variety of Career Path credentialing options to enrolled students. Successful completion of these credentialing options will assist students in attaining competitive employment within their chosen field after graduation with the assistance of the program's career

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**This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:**

No

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<http://bergen.edu/current-students/student-services-departments/disability-servi...> [4]

General

**Public or private::**

Public

**Type of school::**

2-year community college or junior college

**Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:**

Yes

Requirements

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

Yes

**Deadline to apply to this program::**

Rolling admission

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::**

- Intellectual disability
- Must have ID but also accept students with co-morbid diagnoses.

Acceptance, Rentention, and Completion Rates

**Program length::**

2 years

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Cost

**Is this program able to provide federal financial aid as a Comprehensive Transition Program**

**(CTP)?:**

Pending (we have applied to become a CTP but have not yet been approved)

**Students pay for the program in the following ways::**

- Private pay (student and family)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Funds
- Scholarships
- Local School District funds

**Scholarships available::**

In previous years students could request scholarship assistance through the college foundation. Funds are currently unavailable due to pandemic.

**Program serves students who have left high school?:**

Some of our students have left high school

**Admission criteria (select all that apply):**

Specific age range (enter ages below)

**Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term::**

50.00%

**Retention rate for first year students from the previous academic year to the current one::**

90.00%

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last">Age range: 18-30</li> </ul></div>

**Average out-of-state tuition, current year::**

\$8500.00

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have:**

Intellectual disability

Other disabilities

**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:**

2021-04-08 11:39:44

**Planned program length:**

2 years

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## About

Think College is a national initiative dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving research and practice in inclusive higher education for students with intellectual disability. It is based at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston.

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