

## **Asperger's Disorder College Program at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**

The College Program for students with Asperger's Disorder is under the auspices of the Division of Outreach Services at The Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center (DDDC). Students must meet the admission requirements for the various college programs at Rutgers University, should have acquired basic independent living skills and must be motivated to contribute as full partners in their college experience. Students must apply for separate admission into the Asperger's Disorder program as the program is supported through a separate charge which is billed through the DDDC independent of tuition and fees at the university. The Asperger's College Program works closely with the Office of Disability, the Counseling Center and Residence Life to provide full support services to students.

The following services are offered:

- Assessment of needs
- Initial planning meeting with team
- Personalized goal development to include academic, social and life skills (development of an Individualized Program Plan)
- Support of a life skills coach
- Regularly scheduled meetings with team members to review progress; identify future areas of need
- Referrals for other support services

Specific support services can include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Individualized orientation to campus life (i.e., tour of campus)
- Commuting to/from campus/classes; accessing the transportation system
- Strategies for living in a residential facility/with a roommate
- Joining recreational clubs/teams
- Strategies for completing life skills (menu planning, cooking, laundry, cleaning)
- Scheduling classes/study halls/other activities
- Strategies for approaching professors/accessing tutors/academic supports

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