



STEP AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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## Students with Autism Transitional Education Program

Eastern Illinois University's Students with Autism Transitional Education Program (STEP) focuses on providing enhanced support in three main areas for students accepted for admission to the university. A solid foundation in Academic, Social, and Daily-living skills (ASD) is crucial for the success of post-secondary students. With appropriate support in place for students with Autism, the challenges associated with transitioning to university life can be minimized. Become a member of STEP to break down the barriers and STEP through the door of success! STEP is a fee-based service because it offers services and support beyond what is required for students with disabilities under the ADA.

### **To increase a student's chance for success, the Transition Program provides opportunities for growth through:**

- Individualized peer mentorships that work to facilitate the transition to university life;
- A personalized campus tour focused on the individual's schedule/routine;
- Weekly Support Group focused on interpersonal skills in the classroom and throughout the campus community; Students learn to self-advocate for themselves as young adults;
- Positive educational work environment with regularly scheduled academic study tables;
- Individual and group social events to enhance the opportunity for friendships, active involvement on campus, and vocational skill development;
- Opportunities for recreational fitness programs personalized to individual needs and abilities;
- Single-room option that supports the opportunity to decompress and regulate (for an additional fee in Housing and based on availability);
- Early move-in that allows for a calmer transition from the home to residence hall life;
- Weekly academic appointment to check course assignments and regular academic progress reports from instructors; and
- Regular contact with parents to allow for optimum teamwork between the individual, campus supports, and the family.



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