

NEXT STEPS PROGRAM

OUR MISSION

Is to provide meaningful and comprehensive college prep and career services, through the lens of the executive functions, learning theory and personal learning style. We prepare students for college, work and life in a highly supportive & prescribed program built for each individual learner.

OUR STUDENTS

Next Steps students are special education and regular education students who need more time before college and career. They typically require more intensive executive functioning training and will benefit from the additional time and practice before heading off to college.

WHY NEXT STEPS

Here at Next Steps our students receive individualized instruction with accommodations and modifications for campus and distance learning. Every student enrolled receives an individualized learning plan that ensures the success of each and every student.



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Individualized Learning for
College & Career Readiness

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WHAT IT IS

This is a full year program offered both on campus, and online.

In this program students discover the history of learning theory while exploring their personal learning styles. Additionally, they will receive direct instruction on the twelve executive functions and learn to apply them through academic course work designed specifically for students transitioning to college or work.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- (1) Dual Enrollment Landmark Classes for Credit Per Semester
- Small Group: 8 hr per week of EF and College Prep Seminar
- (1) Academic Coaching Session / Week
- (1) Life Coaching Session / Week
- Supported Open Study
- (3) College Transition Workshops Delivered by a Guest Speaker
- (3) Evening Social Events
- Certificate of Completion



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LANDMARK COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT

We are honored to partner with Landmark College to offer Dual Enrollment. These courses build academic skills in a success based online environment.

Courses from Landmark are online via Canvas, but WDS offers a supportive process, with a highly qualified academic coach to ensure student success. Students who successfully complete each Landmark course, receive college credit.



COLLEGE COACHING

This highly individualized and prescribed program begins with a complete record review, curriculum-based assessments and goal setting with the student and family.

All college coaches have at least a master's degree and have committed their career to learning theory and special education. This service is offered in-person or via Zoom.



TRANSITION CONSULTING

Meet with Gerri Fleming - our highly qualified and celebrated special education transition consultant.

Gerri books hourly sessions where a variety of foundational topics can be discussed from Transition under IDEA to understanding the postsecondary accommodation process under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 2008, helping you navigate next steps with your student.

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LIFE COACHING

Life coaching focuses on critical life and social skills for students who require direct instruction, modeling, and repeated practice of valuable life-skills, career skills, and academic skills.

Our life coaches are empathic, motivating, and supportive. Life coaching begins with goal setting and may include personal finances, planning social events, academic and social-emotional wrap around support.



LSAT/ACT TEST PREP

Standardized test scores can open doors to life's opportunities; however, these tests can be challenging, especially for students with learning disabilities.

Inattention and executive dysfunction can all artificially and unfairly deflate these critical test scores. However, everyone deserves a fair chance and a level playing field as they pursue their college dreams.

