RAIDERS on the Autism Spectrum Excelling
OVERVIEW

To address the increasing need for support of Wright State students on the autism spectrum, the Office of Disability Services (ODS) developed the Raiders on the Autism Spectrum Excelling (RASE) program in 2012. The program is designed to provide an additional layer of individualized support for students on the spectrum throughout their transition to college, particularly during their first year on campus.

HOW IT WORKS

Transition coaches work with RASE students on five key competency areas to develop the skills and strategies necessary to succeed in college. As students progress, the program’s focus shifts from adjustment to the college environment to the pursuit of optimal independence and the transition to the workforce.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the RASE program are accepted on a rolling basis. Priority consideration is given to those who apply before the start of each academic year. Incoming first-year students are advised to apply prior to the start of their first semester. Continuing and transfer students may apply at any time.
Transition coaches are experienced student employees (undergraduate and graduate) trained by ODS to serve as an additional resource for RASE students. Students and coaches are matched by the program coordinators, based on the student’s unique needs.

Customizing their schedule and strategies to accommodate each student, coaches work one-on-one with RASE students on the competency areas, emphasizing the specific needs identified in the student’s assessment. Coaching topics may include: effective problem-solving, implementing a study schedule, appropriate interactions with faculty and peers, and perseverance in the face of obstacles.

**Cost***

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| 1 | $500 | • Average of 5 hours/week coaching  
• 1 individualized needs assessment  
• 1 technology consultation/term |
| 2 | $200 | • 2 hours/week coaching  
• 1 vocational consultation/term |
| 3 | $200 | • 2 hours/week coaching  
• Vocational & technology consultations as needed |
| 4 | $200 | • 1 hour/week coaching  
• 1 hour/week vocational support |

*Flat fee charged to the student’s Bursar account at the start of each term. Please see the ODS website for most current rates.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Each student’s needs are assessed based on the program eligibility criteria. Students meeting the following criteria will be considered for the RASE program:

1. Diagnosed on autism spectrum
2. Registered with ODS
3. Identified needs in one or more of the RASE key competency areas:

- Self-Advocacy
- Social Skills
- Resiliency
- Study & Organization Skills
- Technology
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