

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 are accepted program 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

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 perseverence in the face of obstacles.

COST*

Year	Term	Support Services
1	\$500	 Average of 5 hours/week coaching 1 individualized needs assessment 1 technology consultation/term
2	\$200	2 hours/week coaching1 vocational consultation/term
3	\$200	2 hours/week coachingVocational & technology consultations as needed
4	\$200	1 hour/week coaching1 hour/week vocational support

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
- Identified needs in one or more of the RASE key competency areas:



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