What Is The Step Forward Program?

The Step Forward Program is a one-year transition program designed for students with disabilities who have successfully completed their high school graduation requirements and are academically qualified and motivated to enroll in classes at Gateway Community College.* The program offers an additional level of support and case management beyond the federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) services.

Students will focus on their academic and career objectives by engaging in related college level and/or remedial coursework, pre-vocational seminars, career exploration activities and internships. Students are required to attend non-credit seminars to enhance their study, time management, social and organizational skills. Each student receives individualized academic and disability-related advising as well as case management.

Topics covered in the program include:

• Effective study strategies and executive functioning skills development
• Understanding college expectations and goal setting
• Interpersonal communication and social skills practiced on and off campus
• Career exploration, interviewing skills and resume writing
• Self-advocacy and disability awareness
• Navigating college protocol and procedures

*Provision of an additional year(s) will be considered on a case-by-case basis through the PPT process.

To be considered for admission, students must be referred by their school district and have an IEP.

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