



CHANCELLOR ACADEMY TRANSITION PROGRAM

The C.A.T. Program is designed to provide students, 18-21 years of age, with a relevant and quality transition education.

Program Overview:

Our students will be provided with a support system to ensure proper development of positive work, self-advocacy, social communication, adaptive coping, problem solving and independent living skills to ensure a smooth transition into a more self-sufficient autonomous adult life.

Students begin each day meeting with their counselor and core community to prepare and organize their daily activities and agenda. The program includes the following:

Clinical Support:

- Individual and group therapy
- Medication management
- Collaboration with Mental Health personnel
- Individual and group transition support
- Support from SLE Coordinator and Job Coach

Academic/Life Skill Development:

- Enriched curriculum incorporating the following: Financial planning, banking services, budgeting, time management, use of public transportation, communication independent living skills and everyday reading and math skills.
- Resume development and job interview skills.
- Development of positive employment and social skills.
- Structured Learning Experience and Job Shadowing opportunities.
- Community Based Learning Experiences.
- Vocational and worked based experiences at Community based work sites.
- Development of a Professional Portfolio

Student Benefits:

- Development of independent living skills
- Job readiness and transitioning skills
- Work-based learning opportunities in the community
- Internships as well as possible paid employment opportunities
- Improved social and communication skills in the community setting
- Development of age-appropriate leisure and recreation skills
- Communication and establishment of relationships with adult services/agencies along with the self-advocacy tools to help navigate through the adult mental health system.
- Facilitation and support of connections to postsecondary education and/or vocational training.
- The opportunity to become a contributing and productive member of society.

ENROLLMENT:

- Students are referred to C.A.T. by their District Case Manager.
- Case managers submit student records for review and contact Kevin McNaught, Executive Director of Chancellor Academy.
- If the student appears to be a good prospect for the C.A.T. Program, an intake/interview will be set up with the District Case Manager, parent/guardian, student and Chancellor Academy.

***For more information regarding C.A.T., please contact Kevin McNaught at 973-835-4989 or dfrench@chancelloracademy.net.**