

Peer Transition Assistance Program

The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) at Oakland University is offering the Peer Transition Assistance Program (PTAP) specifically designed to assist pre-selected freshmen with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in their transition from high school to higher education. Program participants are matched with a trained peer consultant who will help engage the ASD student in campus life during their freshman year.

To participate in the program students must first register with the DSS office. The student should bring in documentation of ASD, discuss the functional limitation(s) and the need for other academic accommodations. The student must complete the PTAP application for determination of appropriate “fit” between student needs and program offerings. Enrollment in the program is limited to 20 students.

Requirements of PTAP Participants:

- ***PTAP Application and Interview***
- ***Written consent for DSS to confer with guidance counselor, teacher or Oakland personnel***

The consultant will meet 1 to 2 times weekly with the student to:

- **Facilitate** goal setting, time management & organizational skill development
- **Discuss** course assignments and due dates
- **Identify** other on-campus resources such as the Kresge Writing Center, Academic Advisors, Career and Major exploration assistance, etc.
- **Discuss** student concerns related to the classroom, residence life, etc.
- **Encourage** involvement in student life activities & events

The PTAP Program and/or PTAP Consultant is NOT:

- Considered an Academic Accommodation
- A tutor
- A counselor
- A personal aid
- Responsible for overall success of the student
- A formal social skills group

Students with ASD experience success when they:

- Are open to getting involved in campus activities and meeting new people
- Attend Time Management & Organization, Study Skills, Notetaking etc. workshops
- Enroll in 12 or fewer credit hours per semester
- Reside at home during their freshman year
- Are following the advice of their medical and psychological professionals
- Learn and practice self-advocacy skills and in the process develop a sense of independence

Questions about PTAP can be directed to the Disability Support Services office by calling 248-370-3266.