



# Access Services for Autistic Students at **BELLEVUE** **COLLEGE**

*“The program has allowed our student to explore their strengths and grow their gifts, while supporting their challenges. We’ve seen wonderful growth in their independence and sense of empowerment, and they are learning crucial self-advocacy skills. Their level of anxiety has been reduced and they are more flexible in many areas of their life. They are also happy, feeling good about themselves, and have made a good friend.”*  
Parent of ASN Student, Bellevue College 2017

Autism Spectrum Navigators provides advocacy, access, and educational services to autistic students at Bellevue College pursuing their choice of degrees and /or/ certificates. ASN celebrates the unique personality of each student, and respects their right to make individual choices regarding their educational path. ASN is a program of the R.I.S.E. Learning Institute and Center for Career Connections.

Designed according to the social justice and diversity models of disability, ASN provides autistic students with educational opportunities for strengths-based self-knowledge in the four program areas of focus: **Self-Advocacy, Self-Regulation, Social Interaction, and Executive Functioning**; increasing their personal ability to access academics, campus services, and community and career options. ASN works with the campus and the greater community to improve accessibility to areas of college life and beyond, including academics, working with others, socializing, and being a part of the community.

### Advocacy and Access Services:

- ◆ Orientation with Cohort prior to beginning of first quarter
- ◆ Regular Meetings with trained peer mentor (Navigation Assistant)
- ◆ Supported communication with faculty & advisors; supported access to services & programs

**Academics:** A (usually transferable) credit class taken with cohort each quarter, for eight quarters.

#### **First Year**

Skills for Navigating College & Career  
Executive Functioning in the Workplace  
Self-Advocacy

#### **Second Year**

Who Are You, Where Are You Going?  
Cultural & Political Identity of Autism  
Occupational Wellness

#### **Third Year**

Interpersonal Communication  
Service Learning Course **OR**  
Preparing For & Finding  
Internships

### Program Entry is FALL ONLY. Deadline for admission to ASN is July 10.

Attend an **Information Meeting** held on the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. on the Main Campus at 3000 Landerholm Circle SE in Bellevue. Meetings held from January through June. Check online for location.

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