



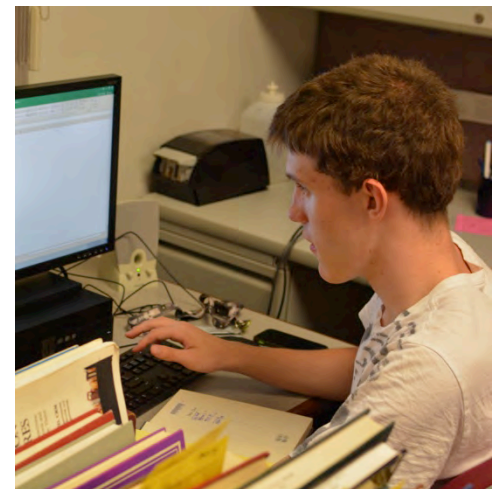
Why is there a need for a
**Summer
Transition
Program** for students
with Autism Spectrum
Disorder (ASD)?

Only
17% of
young
adults with
ASD attend
a four-year
university

Young adults
with ASD have
the **second
lowest**
employment
rates among
young adults
disability
groups



Young adults with ASD have
impairments in **social interaction,
communication, organization,
and independent-living skills,**
which act as barriers in acquiring a job
or attending a university



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To make a successful college transition, young adults need:

- ⇒ Mentors to provide clear instruction and model skills
- ⇒ Opportunities for practice and feedback
- ⇒ Practice in college and work settings



Summer Transition Program students will:

- Enroll in a **3-credit WMU** course of the student's choosing
- Work in **paid on-campus employment** for 10 hours a week
- **Learn life skills**, such as pre-employment, social, study, academic, and transition skills
- **Live in a residence hall** for 7.5 weeks
- Receive **mentoring** from a similar-aged peer
- Engage in a variety of **social opportunities**
- Build **confidence**

We need your help to make this happen! Michigan Rehabilitation Services will fund the majority of the costs for students, but we must match some of their funds. This is where you come in! Please help us create a valuable program for these students by:

- **Sponsoring a student - \$1,000 cash donation**
- **Making a donation of any amount to support the overall program**

As a thank you, your support will be recognized publicly (your logo on t-shirts and all promotional materials, including our website) so that others know you support individuals with ASD achieving success. We are eager to supply you with additional information you may need to make your decision. Please direct all questions to our Autism Services Center coordinator, Dr. Kourtney Bakalyar, at (269) 387-4349 or kourtney.k.bakalyar@wmich.edu

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