The RI Transition Academy at West Bay Collaborative is an alternative high school program for 18 to 21 year-old students with disabilities that provides classroom and community instruction in an adult learning environment. The program, based on a college campus, the Villa Del Rio Apartments, and in various community settings, utilizes a student-centered approach in teaching functional academics, independent living skills, self-advocacy, community involvement, and the skills necessary for seeking, obtaining and maintaining employment—the skills necessary for a successful satisfying life beyond high school.

Most students participate for one school year. However, based on need and IEP Team recommendation, a student may return for an additional year.

We are a unique educational experience happening on a college campus, Villa Del Rio Apartments, in our partner businesses, and in the community that is RI!

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At the RI Transition Academy at WBC, students will...

◊ gain the **vocational skills and confidence** to get a job or keep a job with minimal or time limited supports;

◊ acquire the **functional and daily living skills** necessary to reach their potential independence;

◊ reinforce and improve functional **academic skills** to be better prepared for the workplace or post secondary training programs;

◊ develop the **social skills and self-confidence** to find success with interpersonal relationships at work and at home;

◊ develop **confidence, self-advocacy skills, and self-awareness** to know the rights and responsibilities of adulthood, know themselves, and know how to seek assistance if needed.

Who should apply to the RI Transition Academy at WBC?

**Students who...**

- Are 18-21 years-old, have an IEP and are currently enrolled in school;

- Are eligible for services from the RI Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS);

- Are not prepared to graduate but want to leave the high school building or graduate with peers;

- Are motivated to attend and fully participate in program activities;

- Can follow the rules and expectations of a college setting

The Application Process

- IEP Team (student, parent, school personnel, ORS Counselor and others) determine need for continued services and recommend making application to the program

- Application packet is completed and mailed from the district special education office

- Students are interviewed by program personnel

- Admission is not guaranteed

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