

ACADEMY

FOR ADULT LEARNING

A four-semester program designed to give an authentic college experience for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Individuals with intellectual disabilities are spending several semesters on Temple University's main campus experiencing college life through one of the newest initiatives at the Institute on Disabilities, the **Academy for Adult Learning (AAL)**.

Academy students attend classes, explore career options based on their interests and goals, and participate in the wide variety of activities available to all Temple students.

Each Academy participant is matched with a student mentor who supports the individual in accessing Temple University's many resources. Current Temple students are recruited, hired and trained by the Institute to serve as effective mentors.

The basic principles of the program are:

- The program is an authentic learning experience
- Academy students determine and direct the support they need
- Academy students select their own course load according to their interests
- In addition to their academic courses, Academy students are enrolled in a weekly seminar focusing on college life

To be considered for the AAL, participants must be :

- Age 18-25
- Have the ability to pay for classes through service funds or privately
- Have transportation to Temple's main campus
- Available to attend day and evening classes
- Participate in extracurricular activities

For more information about the program or about becoming a mentor, contact:

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