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Triton College's New SEED Program Helps Students with Disabilities Receive Special Accommodations

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College's Center for Access and Accommodative Services (CAAS) has a new program to help students with disabilities – the Skill Enhancement and Employee Development (SEED) Program.

SEED allows greater face-to-face instruction, according to Deborah Kaczmarek, director of CAAS. Kaczmarek said SEED is an updated plan for students, giving them the skills necessary for future employment in the community.

Like the previous program, SEED provides the same type of employment skills, such as professionalism, financial management, social communication, coping skills, job expectations and resume writing. However, students now have classroom instruction with lectures and hands-on, practical activities. Kaczmarek feels the longer campus employment experience better prepares the students for their community employment experience.

SEED is comprised of two cohorts with each containing six students. The cohorts are small to maintain individual attention and assistance.

The first 10 weeks of the program will consist of the students learning in the classroom. The next 10 weeks, students will continue classroom instruction and work at on-campus jobs. From Oct. 20-Dec. 16, the students will perform community work experiences. Upon completion of all three parts of the program, students will graduate and will receive a certificate from the School of Continuing Education on Jan. 12, 2023.

Registration will be accepted through Dec. 12, 2022.

Those interested in enrolling in SEED should inquire about the program at their final high school Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) meeting and fill out a form to apply.

"The SEED Program really helps students gain the skills needed to seek independent community employment through instruction and employment experiences," said Kaczmarek. "We're here to support our students' goals by providing instruction, support and hands-on experiences."

CAAS provides tools for all Triton students, including the Otter software. Otter records lectures that provide a transcript to help students study.

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