

Transition Support Centre for Students with ASD



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Events

Summer 2016 Events at the Transition Support Centre

FORMAL EVENTS – Registration instructions for each event are provided in red below

Community Event

Open to: Students with ASD and their families interested in learning about transitions to post-secondary education

1. Supporting Transitions to Post-Secondary Education Workshop: June 1, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Students and their families are invited to a workshop about transitioning to post-secondary education. This workshop will be presented as **concurrent sessions** for students and family members. Participants will leave with a resource package that will include a list of recommended activities to prepare for the transition to post-secondary education. An advertisement for this session is provided on page 5 of this document.

(Please Note: This is a repeat of the workshops given February 10 and April 7, 2016)

To register, please e-mail Heather Peace: peaceh@algonquincollege.com

Student-Only Events

Open to: Incoming Fall 2016 Algonquin College students with ASD

1. Introduction to College and the Transition Support Centre: July 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

On this half day, incoming Fall 2016 Algonquin College students will tour the campus, hear from a panel of successful upper-year students and a faculty member, and have opportunities to learn about college expectations, understand self-advocacy in the post-secondary environment, and get to know the Transition Support Centre staff and students.

To register, please email Heather Peace: peaceh@algonquincollege.com

2. Residence Sneak Preview: July 8, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Residence Sneak Preview will be an opportunity for incoming Algonquin students with ASD to experience living on campus before the school year begins. While attending, students will learn about Residence Life and independent living skills. The day will end with a free pizza dinner and a movie after which students will stay in Residence overnight. See page 9 of this document for more details!

To learn more, please email Heather Peace: peaceh@algonquincollege.com

3. Connecting with the Campus, Services and Supports: August 4, 2016, 9:00 AM – 3:15 PM (with optional social until 4:15 p.m.)

This full transition day provides incoming Fall 2016 Algonquin students with an overview of Learning Strategies and Assistive Technology as well as an orientation to Student Support Services, important campus locations, and e-textbooks. Students will be introduced to the Marketplace cafeteria by student mentors and given meal cards to purchase their lunch. After the transition day, students may choose to attend an optional ice-cream sundae social in the TSC!

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4. *Gearing Up for Classes:* August 23, 2016, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM with optional social until 6:30 PM

During this afternoon, Fall 2016 Algonquin students will learn about self-advocating at college, note-taking strategies, learning in the classroom environment, and strategies for stress-management. They will also have an opportunity to learn more about Blackboard Learn (Algonquin's main Learning Management System), which is crucial for success in the first year!

The TSC will then host an [optional video game social](#) that students are welcomed to attend from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

To register, please email Heather Peace: peaceh@algonquincollege.com

5. *SLICE:* August 9, 2016, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

The Strategic Learning in the College Environment (SLICE) Conference is a summer transition program offered to individuals with disabilities entering first-year studies at Algonquin College. SLICE is a one-day event, and is free to students meeting the criteria for admission to the College and who have a disability. Aimed at providing students with disabilities with an overview of the services available through the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (formerly Centre for Students with Disabilities) and Algonquin College, participants of the program will receive basic instruction in the following areas: study strategies, self awareness/self advocacy training, post-secondary survival skills, and assistive technologies.

Note: This is not a TSC-specific event and is open to all students with disabilities.

To register, go to <http://www.algonquincollege.com/cal/transition-planning/slice/>

Parent-Only Event

Open to: Parents or supportive family members of incoming Fall 2016 Algonquin College students with ASD

1. *Parent Discussion Forum: Gearing Up for College* – September 1, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

This Parent Discussion Forum will be held for parents or supportive family member of incoming Algonquin students with ASD. Intended only for parents or supportive family members of incoming Algonquin students, it will provide participants with information as well as a discussion forum to ask questions related to supporting their students through the final stages of the transition process into college. Discussion points will include:

- Changing role of parents
- Communicating with the College (services and faculty)
- Supporting academic success, self-advocacy, and disclosure
- Transitioning to independent living

To register, please email Heather Peace: peaceh@algonquincollege.com

INFORMAL EVENTS – Registration by e-mail / drop-in

Student Social Events

These fun evening activities will help you to connect to other students who are also starting college in the fall. An advertisement for these events is provided on page 6 of this document.

- **Movie Night** - July 14, 2016, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Room C043
- **Board Game Night** - July 28, 2016, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Room C043
- **Outdoor Activities/Junk Food Potluck Night:** – August 11, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, room C043
- **Video Game Night** - August 23, 2016, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Meet in Room C-043

Students planning to attend these events are requested to e-mail Heather Peace: peaceh@algonquincollege.com to give staff an idea of numbers for planning.

Drop-in Times

The Transition Support Centre (C043) will be open this summer for students to come and receive support from a Learning Strategist or Disabilities Counsellor.

- Drop-in hours for the summer **(May 2– August 20)** are as follows:
 - **Monday-Friday from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**
- Drop-in hours for the Fall semester **(starting August 22)** are as follows:
 - **Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

Summer Passport

Are you looking to get ready to attend Algonquin College in the fall? Take a look at our Summer Passport on pages 7 and 8 of this package! This document will help you to plan and complete key activities in preparation for your first year of college. If you complete at least six activities from each section, you will earn an Algonquin College water bottle and be entered in a draw to win a gift certificate to Algonquin's Connections Bookstore!

**** Please note: the timelines for completing the Passport are suggestions only. Students may complete activities at their own pace and according to their summer plans.**

QUESTIONS

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