

## **HKNC Summer Youth Programs**

### **Young Adult Summer Program July 15 - 26, 2019**

You have a lot of big decisions ahead. Let HKNC help you take control of your future. Making good choices requires information and introspection. Is college right for me? Can I live in a dorm? What kinds of careers would be a good fit for me? Where can I go for help? At HKNC, a team of experts—including deaf-blind facilitators and mentors—will help you to examine your strengths and weaknesses, and will give you the latest information about assistive technology and other resources that are available to you. Armed with new insights about yourself and the opportunities that are out there waiting for you, you'll be ready to plan your next move.

During this two-week program, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Explore college and career options.
- Observe deaf-blind students working in the community.
- Define your goals and create an action plan to achieve them
- Learn how to make the most of your Individualized Education Program (IEP) and transition planning.
- Interact with—and learn from—people who know firsthand the challenges you face.
- Find out how to be your own advocate and get the resources you need in school and beyond.
- Learn about apartment living.
- Try out the latest in assistive technology.
- Identify college and community supports and services.
- Make new friends and visit New York City.

### **Summer Youth Vocational Program**

**Session I: May 27- July 5, 2019**

**Session II: July 8- August 16, 2019**

This six-week program will give you a taste of the world of work. You'll start out shadowing a deafblind HKNC student at a job placement and then you'll have the chance to complete your own paid work experience.

Your vocational trainer will work one-on-one with you to find placements that match your interests and will provide on-site support when you're on the job. Our students have worked in variety of industries and settings, ranging from retail and food services to data entry and local government.

During the six-week session, you'll receive basic training in orientation and mobility, adaptive technology and communication strategies specific to the workplace, and you'll develop the skills

you need to compete in the job market. In the afternoons, you'll meet with the other participants in the program to discuss your work day and learn from each other's experiences.

You'll have the opportunity to:

- Get real world experience in a paid position.
- Explore your strengths and weaknesses.
- Develop interviewing skills.
- Learn how to write a resume and a cover letter.
- Find out how to be your own advocate.
- Try out assistive aids and devices.
- Make new friends and visit New York City.

## **Summer Assessment Program for High School Juniors, Seniors and Recent Graduates, June - August 2019**

Use your summer vacation to get a handle on the basic skills you need to enjoy a full and independent life. Your program will be tailored to your individual goals, and everything you learn will have practical, real world applications.

During your eight weeks on campus, you'll receive evaluation and training in five core areas:

- Assistive Technology
- Communication
- Independent Living
- Orientation and Mobility
- Vocational Skills

Participants will also have creative arts classes. If they elect to, students have the option to take additional classes in nutrition planning, emergency preparedness, American Sign Language, and more.

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