

# STEP Referral Guidelines

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STEP is a 4+ program located at Southeastern Community College. In conjunction with the student's high school, STEP and SCC will continue to provide special education services to fulfill unmet transition needs as identified in the student's IEP.

## APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES

Generally, there are three reasons that an IEP team might decide to send a student with disabilities to a secondary program on a community college campus:

- The student will go on to college, but her or his learning characteristics and generalization skills necessitate time in the actual (community college) setting to be successful.
- The student will go on to college, but needs to learn specific study/accommodation skills in the actual (community college) setting.
- The student may not be successful independently at a college setting, but with supports will gain specific career and technical skills that will provide for a stronger employment outcome.

Taken directly from Special Education Procedures Manual, page 256

## CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT

- Enrolled as a full-time student in a special education program and is being served on an IEP.
- Has unmet transition needs in living, learning and/or working, as identified by the IEP team.
- Is between 16-20 years of age and classified as a senior.
- Will meet credit requirements for graduation from high school.
- Shows desire and motivation to cooperate and communicate with STEP staff.
- Demonstrates socially responsible behavior and follows the student code of conduct.

## NOTE:

Criteria can be waived by the team in the event of extenuating circumstances. In these cases, please contact the Regional Special Education Director for guidance.

Please remember that referral to STEP is a team decision and not an individual recommendation.