

Neurodiversity Navigators

"Having access to extra student services was the initial draw to the NdN Program. The reason I stayed after the first quarter is different. Communicating with instructors and other people became much more accessible and easy to initiate. The NdN classes offer a familiar place to be comfortable in. Work is easier to get done on time, anxiety is noticeably reduced. With the program, you have people to talk to, a support team behind you. School is no longer sink or swim." —Former NdN student, 2019

Neurodiversity Navigators provides educational, advocacy, and access services to neurodivergent students at Bellevue College pursuing their choice of degrees and / or /certificates. We celebrate the unique identity of each student, and respect their right to make individual choices regarding their educational path. We are part of the RISE Learning Institute and Center for Career Connections.

Designed according to the social justice and intersectionality models of disability, Navigators provides neurodivergent students with educational opportunities for strengths-based self-knowledge in the four program areas of focus: **Self-Advocacy, Self-Regulation, Social Interaction, and Executive Functioning**; increasing personal ability to access academics, campus services, and community and career options. We work with the campus and the greater community to improve accessibility to areas of college life and beyond, including academics, working with others, socializing, and being a part of the community.

Academics: A (usually transferable) credit class taken with cohort each quarter, for seven quarters.

First Year

Skills for Navigating College & Career Executive Functioning in the Workplace Self & Community Advocacy

Second Year

Who Am I, Where Am I Going?
Connecting with Community
Occupational Wellness

Third Year

Interpersonal Communication (Optional) Internship Prep (Optional) Internship as Mentor

Advocacy and Access Services:

- Orientation with Cohort in Summer quarter
- Regular Meetings with trained peer mentor (Navigation Assistant)
- Supported communication with faculty & advisors; supported access to services & programs

Program Entry is Summer ONLY. Deadline for admission is July 10.

Attend an <u>Information Meeting</u> held on the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings held online from January through June 2021.

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