

## Neurodiversity Navigators Program Requirements

The Neurodiversity Navigators (NdN) Program provides advocacy for all neurodivergent students at Bellevue College. In addition, NdN provides individual and group support and student education with a strengths-based focus in Executive Functioning, Social Interaction, Self-Advocacy, and Self-Regulation, and more, through career preparation classes with other program students. Parents and guardians learn methods of communicating with their students that lead to increased self-efficacy. They also receive quarterly updates on student progress and are notified if serious difficulties arise, with student permission. *Summer entry only*.

To participate in this program, students must:

- 1. Be a matriculated Bellevue College student, assessed at English level 072 or above via current program assessment options,
- 2. Identify as autistic, or otherwise neurodivergent, and meet with a program administrator to ensure that the student understands the program,
- 3. Be taking a minimum of 7 credits at BC during the quarter or quarters they are in the program (not taking NdN courses only, summer excluded),
- 4. Participate in assigned weekly meetings with peer mentor(s), or communicate with administrators about participation options,
- 5. Participate in a weekly NdN class (6 course series) each quarter they are in the program,
- 6. Sign & follow "Student Agreement" (will receive at initial meeting)

\*For their student to participate "with parental involvement" in the NdN program, at least one parent, guardian, or support person must:

- 1. Attend each quarterly parent meeting (date posted online at beginning of each quarter),
  - a. Note: Student permission is required for communication, but not for Parent Meeting attendance. Parent meetings are virtual.
- 2. Communicate with or meet with Program Director and Program Manager if requested.
- 3. Sign & follow "Parent Agreement" (available at Information Meetings and Orientation)

Consistency with all program components is an important part of student success. Students may be asked to meet with program administrators if they miss more than one peer mentor meeting (other than illness) to ensure their continued access. We make every effort to support students in remembering when they have appointments and meetings, and understand that some students may need more support in this area. If parents do not attend parent meetings, students will continue in the program as a "student with no parental involvement."

Questions and concerns should be directed to us at asn@bellevuecollege.edu or 425.564.2764.