

APPLY
FOR
SUMMER
2024!

TO APPLY FOR SUMMER 2024, VISIT
BeaconCollege.edu/Summer

APPLICATION PROCESS & MATERIALS

Families are encouraged to **apply early to avoid being waitlisted** for our Summer for Success program!

APPLY AT

BEACONCOLLEGE.EDU/SUMMER

1. **Submit** a summer application
2. **Submit** all required materials
(see listing to the right)
3. **Complete** a Family Interview with
the Director of Summer Programming
4. **Receive** an admission decision!

MATERIALS TO SUBMIT

- Two recommendations
(forms can be found at **BeaconCollege.edu/Summer**)
- Your high school transcript
(with current courses being taken)
- Documentation of your learning difference
(IEP, 504, Neuropsych Evaluation, etc.)

MORE REASONS TO ATTEND SUMMER FOR SUCCESS!

Transition Recommendations

At the end of Summer for Success, every student is given in-depth transition recommendations on potential barriers to their success in college. These written recommendations summarize a student's strengths and identify areas requiring additional focus in order to successfully transition to college.

Early Admission Option

Qualifying students who successfully complete Summer for Success are invited to apply early to Beacon College to receive an admission decision before October 1.

Learn more at
BeaconCollege.edu/admissions.



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EXPERIENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL
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3 UNFORGETTABLE
SUMMER TRACKS

- Exploration
- Imagination
- Illumination

FOR HIGH SCHOOL
SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

JULY 14 - AUGUST 2, 2024

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At Beacon College, we believe that education should be life-changing — and summer learning is no exception! Summer for Success is built around three distinct learning tracks focused on self-discovery, skills development and confidence building. We promise students a great time as they learn how to become better learners while forging new friendships with fellow students from across the country.



Our summer programs aim to give current high school sophomores and juniors who learn differently the skills, confidence and preparation they need to successfully transition from high school to college.

We do so by helping students better understand their learning differences, recognize early stumbling blocks and know what they need to succeed in their first year of college.

Our courses connect student interests with meaningful preparation for college. Most importantly, students get to experience what it's like to live — and learn — on a college campus.

Class of 2024 graduating seniors are invited to join Beacon's College Edge on-campus summer program to prepare for success in college. Learn more at BeaconCollege.edu/Edge.

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CHOOSE FROM 3 GREAT SUMMER TRACKS

FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE
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Why We Use Accuplacer Testing

The Accuplacer Tests are used to determine a student's readiness for college-level coursework. All Summer for Success students will take the **Accuplacer Test in Reading** to provide us with data to make specific transition recommendations on their college journey.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since starting our Summer for Success in 2016, hundreds of students from across the United States have progressed on their transition to college through this exciting three-week program — and made life-long friends!

1 HOUR FROM ORLANDO

Located an hour's drive from Orlando, Florida, Beacon College is the nation's leading four-year college for students who learn differently.

EXPLORATION TRACK

Exploration is where every college adventure begins!

This summer, discover what you love — maybe even find your future major! Turn the page and start exploring 24 exciting, inspiring and unforgettable topics we're offering in 2024.

IMAGINATION TRACK

What comes to your mind when you hear the name Disney?

This track offers an in-depth look into the magic, history and impact of The Walt Disney Company on our imagination, our culture and the world since it was first created. See page 6 to learn more.

ILLUMINATION TRACK

People once escaped from daily life through reading.

But today, “escapist entertainment” offers unforgettable experiences and environments to transport you. In this track, you'll explore why millions travel to Orlando in search of adventure and escape. See page 6 for details.

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WHY BEACON?

For more than a quarter century, Beacon College has been the recognized leader in offering affordable, career-focused bachelor's degree programs for students with learning disabilities, ADHD and other learning differences.

EXPLORATION TRACK

DISCOVER A SUBJECT YOU LOVE —
AND BUILD YOUR COLLEGE SKILLS!

Choose 1 Class Each from Blocks A, B & C



Block A: 9–9:50 a.m.

Caring for Animals

Come explore animal husbandry and welfare science as you work with our resident animals in Beacon's Anthrozoology Lab. You'll share in every aspect of their overall care. (Includes a capstone course.)

Creative Writing through Dungeons & Dragons

Develop your creative writing skills using the imaginative role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons. You'll create your own character and world, then interact with the creations of your peers.

Animation Techniques

Build your fundamental techniques using 2D and 3D animation applications, learn the basic modeling and motion animation techniques used in creating animation for gaming and film — and more!

Visual Journaling

Explore the art of visual journaling as it relates to your unique summer experience at Beacon through drawing, painting, collage, writing and sketch notetaking.

User Interface Design with Adobe XD

Use Adobe XD® to design intuitive digital interfaces for mobile apps and websites without coding. You'll also explore user experience basics, create visually appealing layouts, develop interactive prototypes — and build skills in responsive design and collaboration.

Creative Writing: Florida Style

Develop your writing using engaging Florida themes to write paragraphs and essays, such as Choose Your Theme Park Character: Elements of a Story, It's Beach Time: Elevate Your Writing with Descriptions and Off the Path: Writing About Animals and Adventures.

Introduction to Robotics

Learn the history, technology and processes of automation and robotics. Explore the engineering design process and learn problem-solving and programming skills to build and code robots.

Introduction to College Reading

This course introduces you to a wide variety of college-level texts — textbooks, novels, articles or primary sources — and new strategies to enhance global reading skills.

Block B: 10–10:50 a.m.

Wildlife & Field Conservation

Wildlife is all around you! Observe local wildlife at a local green space, document your observations using a professional field journal, and explore Project WILD programs. (Includes a capstone course.)

Sports Officiating 101

Wonder why a referee or umpire makes a certain call? Explore their important roles at sporting events and learn how to apply the basics of officiating for some of the most popular sports.

Video Post-Production

In this hands-on class, take a close look at the post-production process using Adobe® Premiere Pro. We'll explore different audio and video editing techniques and tools, graphic design and special effects.

Designing with the Brick

LEGO® bricks are used to create incredible works of art, mechanics and architecture. Explore the creative and inventive side of LEGO using LEGO BrickLink Studio 2.0 while developing critical skills.

Digital Illustration

Get your creative juices flowing using Adobe® Illustrator! Discover the power of visual communications as you design images to meet specific goals and learn techniques to create effective messages.

Human Behavior & Society

Explore human behavior through the lens of biology, psychology and the social environment. Study the theories behind human behavior in different social settings and explore its impact on larger social issues such as oppression, racism and violence.

The Business of the Entertainment Industry

Get a behind-the-scenes understanding of the entertainment industry, including film, music, sports, gaming and live events, using real-world case studies and hands-on projects.

Artificial Intelligence Today & Tomorrow

What is artificial intelligence today, and where is it heading? Get a hands-on look at AI in its many forms to better prepare for the rigor of college research, rational problem-solving and creativity!



Block C: 11–11:50 a.m.

Musical Theatre Dance

Are you an intermediate experienced dancer? Then join this class focused on dance techniques of posture, body placement and movement — and learn choreography from top Broadway shows.

Foundations in Personal Finance

Learn essential money skills to use now — and for the rest of your life. Topics can include budgeting basics, saving and building wealth, becoming a smart spender, college costs, insurance and more!

Digital Audio Studio

Explore the world of audio production for media in this team-based, hands-on course — from using a digital audio workstation to record and produce sound effects to creating music using GarageBand® loops.

Introduction to College Reading

This course will introduce you to a wide variety of college-level texts — textbooks, novels, articles or primary sources — and new strategies to enhance global reading skills.

Graphic Basics with Adobe Express

Using Adobe Express®, this class focuses on developing your understanding of basic design principles, color theory, typography and layout techniques through hands-on projects and industry insights.

Fundamentals of American Sign Language

ASL is a very expressive language, using 5 key elements: handshape, movement, palm orientation, location and facial expression. Understanding these elements will give you a better understanding of how signs are made and what makes them different.

International Business & Marketing Through the Lens of a Traveler

Explore the exciting global business landscape — from understanding globalization and cultural sensitivity to delving into market entry strategies and emerging trends.

Math at the Movies — Let's Go to Mars!

Discover real-world uses of mathematical concepts using *The Martian* book and film. You'll look at the engineering design process, engage in academic discourse and join in problem-based team activities.

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WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Block A Class
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Block B Class
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Block C Class
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Open Learning
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Independent Living Skills
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Social Club
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 – 9:45 p.m.	Evening Activities



NEW IN 2024!

Life of a College Basketball Player

Work with former NBA basketball player Sam Vincent, Beacon's men's basketball coach, to build your fundamental basketball skills and physical activity. He'll share his "Championship Principles" to make the transition from high school athlete to college athlete.
(Meets Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

IMAGINATION & ILLUMINATION TRACKS

Beacon College is located just an hour from one of the world's greatest centers of imagination and creativity — Orlando, Florida. The city is considered the capital of America's theme parks, attracting visitors who return year after year for unforgettable experiences that are built around fantasy, imagination — and escapism.

Note: Enrollment in the Imagination and Illumination tracks is strictly limited and will be closed once the maximum capacity is reached. Early application and deposit are required for these tracks.

IMAGINATION TRACK

Theme parks worldwide owe their popularity to the artistic, creative and marketing genius of The Walt Disney Company. Our Imagination track explores the history of Disney — focusing on the four Orlando theme parks and Disney's movie productions — and how this entertainment giant has touched the lives of generations of people of every age worldwide.

Students will participate in both classroom and field experiences from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. They will also build their academic skills through research, writing, reading comprehension and critical thinking. Students will visit each of the four Disney theme parks in Orlando, learn about other Disney attractions and hear from exciting guest speakers. Limited to 30 participants.

ILLUMINATION TRACK

Disney may be the expert when it comes to tapping into our innermost desire to escape daily life, but Orlando now also caters to the fantasy of movies, comic books, animals and yes — Harry Potter! This track is designed to illuminate the “why” behind the millions who escape to Orlando's ever-growing parks, dinner shows and themed restaurants each year.

Students will visit all four Disney parks and enjoy extended hours and behind-the-scenes tours. They'll visit attractions outside the Disney empire, hear about career paths from guest speakers, and think more critically about the fields of tourism, hospitality and sociology. Excursions include Sea World and Universal City Walk, a museum tour, dinner at Medieval Times and a special event at Disney Springs. This track includes essential college readiness skills focused on critical thinking, research, writing and reading. Limited to 15 participants.



NOTE: Most off-campus all-day immersion experiences (such as theme park visits) occur on Wednesdays throughout the program.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Academics
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	Open Learning
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Independent Living Skills
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Social Club
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 – 9:45 p.m.	Evening Activities

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COSTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The all-inclusive cost for the Exploration Track is \$5,450.

This includes tuition, room and board, materials, transportation and weekend off-campus activities.

The all-inclusive cost for the Imagination Track is \$6,500, which includes all Summer for Success expenses, plus travel and admission costs for Disney's four theme parks.

The all-inclusive cost for the Illumination Track is \$7,500, which includes all Summer for Success expenses, plus travel and admission costs for Disney's four theme parks, and added activities as noted.

Scholarship support is available to students with demonstrated need.

College Living Skills

All Summer for Success students — whatever their track — will select two of the following five courses to learn and practice essential skills designed to increase their personal independence and responsibilities.

The Basics of Cooking

You don't have to turn to the Food Network to learn to cook! This seminar series will explore easy recipes that the whole family can enjoy. You'll look at food safety fundamentals, learn meal preparation tips and tricks and see cooking demonstrations to enhance culinary creativity.

Essentials of Community Living

Learn the fundamentals of creating an organized and clean living space in a college residence hall. You'll participate in practical strategies and learn to better understand how to independently manage your own living space.

Financial Management

Dealing with the financial independence that comes with college can be challenging. Many students aren't prepared for the consequences of overspending or don't know how to create a college living budget. This seminar focuses on money management "best practices" to build your awareness of smart spending and teach you the fundamentals of financial literacy.

Group Workouts

Staying active is key to mental and physical well-being at every stage of life. You'll participate in daily fitness classes and explore different ways to work out and remain healthy. Classes will range from cardiovascular exercises to yoga and Zumba.

Emotional Self-Care

The transition to college can be stressful and can challenge your mental well-being. This seminar series looks at strategies around emotional self-care. You'll learn helpful mindfulness techniques, new ways of processing your thoughts and emotions, and prosocial behaviors to enhance your personal well-being.

Mastering College Relationships

Socialization and establishing age-appropriate relationships are some of the biggest worries of both students and families in the transition to college. Mastering College Relationships focuses on techniques and practical experiences to overcome these concerns. It includes active role playing, challenging tasks and reflections.

OUTSIDE THE Summer Classroom

When classes end — the fun begins! Here are just some of the ways students relax, unwind and get to know each other.

Activities and Getaways

In the afternoons and evenings, students can:

- Stay fit in Beacon's workout center
- Enjoy films and join in follow-up movie reviews
- Showcase their talents at karaoke and open mic nights
- Unwind with video or board games, table tennis, billiards or foosball matches
- And more!

On- and Off-Campus Weekend Activities

- Day trips to one of Orlando's many famous theme parks, such as Universal Studio's Islands of Adventure and Disney World
- Swimming and water sports
- Special student life activities

Getting Involved: Summer Clubs

Our summer clubs are a great way to develop leadership skills and meet other students outside of class. Clubs vary each year based on student interests, but examples include:

- Film Club
- Gaming Club
- Indoor Adventures Club
- Performing Arts Club
- Pinterest Club
- Sports and Recreation Club