

Mercyhurst North East OASIS PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Oasis Program is a unique, college-based certificate program designed for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This non-credit, one-year program is designed for students who have completed high school (ages 18 and older) and have interest in pursuing additional academic and vocational training to help develop skills that are necessary for gainful employment.

Under the guidance of the Oasis Program staff, students actively observe and participate in college classes alongside Mercyhurst North East students. They also regularly attend tutorial sessions that focus on coursework review, as well as the development of skills related to success and independence in employment and social settings.

Once students have completed their classroom instruction and have made adequate progress toward program goals, they are placed in an internship at a local business to put their skills into action. The Oasis Program begins in the fall of every school year and ends with a graduation ceremony in the summer.

Available concentrations:

- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality

STUDENT-CENTERED

The Oasis Program adheres to a person- and student-centered approach. Program participants have regular meetings with staff to develop and review short- and long-range goals and objectives related to employment and independence.

LIVE ON CAMPUS

Interested students who qualify may apply to live on the Mercyhurst North East campus in a fully inclusive dormitory setting. Students will have access to trained staff and support systems to help facilitate success in an independent post-secondary living environment.



Get the **EXPERIENCE.**
GET THE JOB.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants are required to submit the following:

- Completed and signed application
- Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Plan and/or Behavior Plan from your high school and/or previous educational institution
- Appropriate documentation of your disability (Documentation must have been completed within the past three years.)
- Reference surveys and letters of recommendation from three non-family members
- Reference survey from one family member/guardian

Application and survey forms are available online at northeast.mercyhurst.edu/oasis.

QUESTIONS

Call Sara Kitchen, director of the Oasis Program, at (814) 725-6250 or email skitchen@mercyhurst.edu.

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