
About our Program...

The Charlton Roads to Success program at Delaware State University Downtown Campus prepares transition-aged students (ages 18-21) to be successful, contributing members of our community as they make their way to adulthood. The focus of the program is on vocational/professional and life skills training and opportunities in classroom, inclusion, and work-based learning settings.

The Charlton Roads to Success program takes a holistic approach to transition that is individualized and age appropriate. Our goal is for all students to transition from our program to a vocational opportunity with the necessary skills to find success in employment.



Stop by and take a tour!

If you haven't already, please make arrangements for a visit to the Charlton Roads to Success Program at Delaware State University Downtown Campus.

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A Program that Continues to Grow!

Our Roads to Success program at Delaware State University is continuing to add opportunities for inclusion with same aged peers. Students are participating in courses such as Art and Adapted PE and are working directly with peers in Education and Psychology programs. DelState students work one-on-one with Charlton students to mentor and guide them with various activities promoting communication, self-advocacy, employment skills and recreation and leisure. Our students can also be seen across campus and on offsite work-based placements learning firsthand the skills they will need to be successful in employment.

One new addition to our program is the “Roads to Success” card company! Students are currently making and selling cards in the downtown Dover boutiques. This allows our students to learn how to keep an inventory, stock supplies, apply their money exchanging and money management skills, keeping a budget and making cards through their own creativity and imagination! Feel free to check out our display at My Roots, Bel Boutique, SOZO, Tre Sorelle and Simply Charming!

Our DSU partners have been tremendously supportive with enriching social, educational and work-based learning opportunities for our students, and we look forward to expanding our collaboration.

ONSITE @ DSU VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Facilities/Grounds at DSU
- The DSU Bookstore
- The Copy Center at DSU
- Student Services at DSU
- The library at DSU

OFFSITE VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

- Walmart in Camden, DE
- The SPCA
- Texas Roadhouse
- Fastenal in Dover, DE

Some facts about our program you may not know:

- We eat lunch in the DSU cafeteria in Delaney Hall. Students sometimes choose to sit with DSU students in order to enjoy social interaction and conversation with their peers.
- We have a nurse and a nurse’s office that is located in our classroom!
- We currently occupy three rooms in the downstairs part of Delaney Hall! This is where our classroom is, along with our skills workshop, and computer lab/meeting room.
- Most of our students use the DART Paratransit system to get to and from school-and we even help them learn how to plan out their routes, make/change/cancel reservations, and understand how to predict how many tickets they will need!
- Our students, in the Spring time, work with a play director in order to put on their own play which is usually in May!
- We are always looking to gain different partnerships within the community in order to expand out vocational/work opportunities!

Preparing for the Day:

When students come to the Roads to Success program at DSU, they are able to practice their independence while preparing for their day. This includes:

- Ride DART Paratransit.
- Unpacking their belongings in their own lockers.
- Completing their personal care in order to ensure that they are dressed appropriately for work.
- Eating breakfast in our own kitchen/break area.
- Completing individual morning checklists

Preparing for Success!

When our students are not at work, they are most likely in the classroom, working on gaining valuable skills that will help them grow in the areas that will help them be successful in their lives. We have developed a skills workshop area that allows students to further practice soft skills in order to make them more independent at their jobs. Some of these skills include but are not limited to: hanging, organizing and folding clothes, mailing/postage, computer skills, shopping skills, and creative expression opportunities.

During instruction times, students are learning about how to accurately fill out job applications (both paper and pencil and online), interviewing skills and practice, appropriate dress, social skills when in the community, managing a budget, how to look for employment, how to access transportation (DART), making/changing appointments, and how to care for themselves independently. These are just a few topics that are covered over the course of the school year!