

Scope of Services

The Wayfinders Program is designed to address the unique needs of students with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Below is a summary of program layout and the Wayfinders Scope of Services. The Scope of Services is subject to change.

1. **Focus of Wayfinders:** Wayfinders is a 2-year post-secondary transition program for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Wayfinders seeks to increase the independence, self-determination and quality of life for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities through the college experience. The college experience allows students to broaden their interests, establish and pursue goals, and form life-long friendships.
2. **Participation:** Wayfinders participants must have a strong determination to participate in all domains of the program, which are Residential, Vocation, University Inclusion, and Activities/Transition. The staff and coaches cannot force participation, therefore it is essential that the participant is motivated to learn to live independently, work, attend classes and participate in social events.
3. **Housing:** Participants live at the Palazzo Apartments. The Palazzo is not part of Fresno State Housing nor are they affiliated with Wayfinders. Parents/Students are responsible for the lease and rent payments to Palazzo. If at any point during the two-year period the parent/student decide to withdraw from Wayfinders or if the student is suspended or expelled for any reason, Wayfinders or Fresno State Foundation is not responsible for the lease (you must continue to pay even if you no longer live there).
4. **Enrollment:** Participants in the Wayfinders Program enroll through Open University via the Division of Continuing and Global Education (CGE) at Fresno State. Accordingly, they are NOT traditional, matriculated, degree seeking students of Fresno State. This limits Wayfinders student's participation in some activities and access to certain events/buildings on the campus of Fresno State.
5. **Certificate of Completion:** Wayfinders students receive a Certificate of Completion. They participate in the Kremen School of Education Convocation ceremony and as with other Certificate of Completion students do not wear cap and gown.
6. **Fees:** Wayfinders pays the Career Development Course (3 units) and 3 additional University Inclusion units per semester. Parents/students are responsible for any additional course units the student would like to take. Currently Fresno State Unit fees through CGE are \$295/unit. However this amount may change at any time. Parents/Students are also responsible to pay an annual Student Fee of \$465 to cover costs associated with use of the Health Center, the University Student Union, and the Bulldog ID Card. This amount is also subject to change.
7. **Financial Aid:** Wayfinders is a Certified Transition Program, which allows Wayfinders participants to apply for PELL Grants. Parents/Students are responsible for securing the Financial Aid and may apply through the FAFSA website. Note: Financial Aid is never guaranteed.
8. **Course Supplies and Books:** Parents/Students are responsible for purchasing all course supplies and books including those needed for the courses paid for by Wayfinders.
9. **Course Registration:** Since Wayfinders participants are not matriculating students they are not eligible for priority registration. Wayfinders students may sit into several choices of their classes to obtain permission numbers. However, there is no guarantee that the participant will be able to register for the class of their choice. Every effort will be made to find classes that meet the participant's needs.
10. **Course Modifications:** State and federal Special Education laws do not apply to the college setting. Although a variety of accommodations are provided at the postsecondary level, students will need clear current documentation of their disability to access these services provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by the Fresno State's Services for Students with Disabilities Office (SSD). Instructors are not expected to provide modifications for students under the law.
11. **Student Health Center:** For immediate first aid/onset care, Wayfinders students have access to the Student Health Center on campus. Wayfinders students need to make other medical arrangements for long term care issues. Likewise, counseling and psychological services provided by the Student Health Center are also for immediate emergency interventions only. Students with pre-existing/ongoing concerns should make the

necessary arrangements for these known issues. As part of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development, individual and group counseling services may be available to Wayfinders students. These services are provided by graduate level counseling students supervised by a Ph.D. instructor. Wayfinders does not endorse any physician or counselor and therefore does not make referrals.

12. **Code of Conduct:** All Wayfinders students are expected to abide by the student code of conduct as outlined by Fresno State. Wayfinders students will follow policies of the judicial system and the recommendations of the Dean of Students as well as the Wayfinders Accountability Policy. Any resulting disciplinary action will follow in accordance with Fresno State and/or Wayfinders policies. These policies include permanent or temporary expulsion of a student. Parents/guardians will need to acknowledge that they will be active members in holding their student accountable for their actions.
13. **Parents/Guardians:** Wayfinders goal is to support students in becoming independent adults, capable of self-advocacy and self-determination. Parents may not always be invited to student meetings and may not always agree with the decisions that their student makes, but should maintain a positive and open relationship with all parties. There may be times that Wayfinders is bound by confidentiality or judicial rulings, and may be unable to share information about the student without his/her permission.
14. **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):** Please keep in mind that because of this law parents are **not** to contact university faculty or university staffing outside of Wayfinders. Parents, who have concerns about student academics or university status, need to first discuss their concerns with their student before contacting the Wayfinders University Inclusion Coordinator for assistance. Concerns regarding the participant must be directed to the Wayfinders Case Manager. The University Inclusion Coordinator and Case Manager will not speak to parents without the student being present.
15. **Termination:** Wayfinders reserves the right to terminate a student from the program if the student does not comply with all of the above. Likewise, a student may leave the program if he or she does not feel that Wayfinders is an appropriate fit.

Applicant's Name Printed	Applicant's Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian #1 - Name Printed	Parent/Guardian #1 - Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian #2 - Name Printed	Parent/Guardian #2 - Signature	Date