

# Scope of Services

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The Wayfinders Program is designed to address the unique needs of students with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Participants in the Wayfinders Program at Fresno State are not enrolled through traditional means, as the matriculated, degree seeking students of Fresno State University are. Wayfinders students enroll through Open University via the Division of Continuing and Global Education (CGE). Accordingly, Wayfinders students may not be eligible to participate in all activities offered on the campus of Fresno State.

Through CGE, Wayfinders students have the option of enrolling in one of the following tracks:

- 1) Certificate of Completion or;  
This option is for an inclusive though less academically rigorous, vocational/life skills intense experience. Students taking this option will have an “Unofficial Fresno State Transcript”.
  
- 2) Certificate of Special Study  
This option is for an inclusive, academically rigorous, vocational/life skills intense experience. Students taking this option will have an “Official Fresno State Transcript”.

Wayfinders students have access to campus Student Health Center services. These services are for immediate first aid/onset care only. 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. Wayfinders does not endorse any physician or counselor and therefore does not make referrals.

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. Once again Wayfinders does not endorse these services and participation is optional.

Wayfinders students do not have access to traditional career or academic advising. Instead, Wayfinders students are assigned a Wayfinders Case Manager (WCM) from our core staff. The WCM will meet with the student weekly to review all aspects of the students program. Should any concerns arise, the WCM should be the parent’s secondary contact point (the primary should be the student).

All Wayfinders students will be expected to abide by the student code of conduct as outlined, <http://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/title5.html>. 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.

Parental involvement is crucial for student success at Wayfinders. Parents will be incorporated in many important decisions that their student may make through the 30-Day Meeting, Individual Planning Meetings and Quarterlies. However there may be times that Wayfinders is bound by confidentiality or judicial rulings, <http://www.fresnostate.edu/catoffice/current/policies.html> and may be unable to share information about the student without his/her permission. Concerns that parents may have regarding their student may be directed to the WCM. Wayfinders goal is to support students in becoming independent adults, capable of self-advocacy and self-determination. Parents may not always agree with the decisions that their students make, but should maintain a positive and open relationship with all parties.

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Applicant's Name Printed

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature