

Scope of Services

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

1. **Focus of Wayfinders:** 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. **Palazzo Apartments:** 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).
3. **Status of Wayfinders Participants at Fresno State:** 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 considered traditional, matriculated, degree seeking students of Fresno State University. This limits Wayfinders student's participation in some activities and access to certain events/buildings on the campus of Fresno State. 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.
4. **Course Registration:** Since Wayfinders participants are not matriculating students they are not eligible for priority registration and 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.
5. **Course Modifications:** There is no special education in college! State and federal laws determine this. 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.
6. **Fees:** Wayfinders pays the Career Development Course (3 units) and one additional university inclusion course (3 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.
7. **Course Supplies and Books:** Parents/Students are responsible for all course supplies and books including the courses paid for by Wayfinders.
8. **Financial Aid:** Wayfinders is a Certified Transition Program (CTP). Wayfinders participants may apply for PELL Grants. This is the ONLY form of "Financial Aid" your student will be eligible for. Parents/Students are responsible for securing the Financial Aid.
9. **Student Health Center:** For immediate first aid/onset care, Wayfinders students have access to campus Student Health Center services an annual fee of \$226. 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.

10. **Academic and Career Counseling:** Wayfinders students work with the Wayfinders Academic Coordinator and Wayfinders Vocational Specialist for additional advising.
11. **Performance:** Wayfinders participants must have a strong determination to participate in all domains of the program. The staff and coaches cannot force participation, therefore it is essential that the participant is motivated to learn to live independently, work and attend classes.
12. **Code of Conduct:** All Wayfinders students are 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.
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, <http://www.fresnostate.edu/catoffice/current/policies.html> 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 contact the Wayfinders Academic Coordinator for assistance. Concerns regarding the participant must be directed to the Wayfinders Case Manager.

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