

Pathways to Life

Specialty School

A Special Education Program providing focused transition to adulthood educational services for youth age 18 to 21 years old.

LifeScape Pathways to Life is specialized program focused on guiding students to develop skills to pursue their dreams related to living in their home, developing friendships, navigating the resources within their community, and serving the community through volunteerism and/or work experiences. Our program focuses on the acquisition of functional living skills, self-advocacy skills, application of functional academics, job and volunteer exploration, work-based learning experiences, social skills training, and independent living skills.

THE CLASSROOM

Students at Pathways to Life participate in a variety of on campus and off campus learning experiences to promote their Independence and skills related to developing the skills to allow them to achieve their goals for the pathway they have chosen for their future. Whether the pathway is work, volunteerism, and/or being immersed in community-based activities Our curriculum allows students to focus on developing skills to help them succeed in life. This is a year-round program to help students bridge the transition from a traditional school schedule to a more real life schedule.

Located in Sioux Falls at 2801 S Kiwanis Ave suite 100 Pathways to Life Specialty School was designed to assist young adults develop the necessary skills to prepare them for the transitions to home, community, work, volunteerism upon completion of their high school program. The school features a variety of learning environments specially designed to enhance skills related to students' goals. Classrooms include a fully accessible kitchen laundry area, studio apartment and numerous community based learning environments.



COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Students are given opportunities to participate in various volunteering experiences and hands on training to prepare them for joining the workforce and or securing permanent volunteer jobs. While a desire for job placement isn't required, students are given the opportunity to explore and receive training on all the options available and of interest for their future. Pathways to Life Specialty School has a comprehensive job coaching program to promote students' acquisition of skills to allow them to develop the necessary skills to secure and maintain a job. Employment options are supported and funded through the different South Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation supported employment options.

A strong emphasis is placed on the development of social and communication skills to assist in student's access to a multitude of community settings. Their participation in these experiences show them how to access community resources such as banking, transportation, social groups, shopping, fitness activities, and more.



Empowering People to Live Their Best Life

Pathways to Life Specialty School has the most resources in the region for a successful transition to adulthood.

CURRICULUM

Through the support of an interdisciplinary team of special education teachers, speech therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, applied behavior analysts, and highly trained paraprofessional staff, LifeScape incorporates a variety of evidence based assessment tools and curriculum to assist students in the development highly individualized IEP's based on their hopes and dreams for the future. The curriculum places a strong emphasis on the development of Pre-Employment Transition Services such as:

- Job Exploration Counseling
- Work Based Learning Experiences in an Integrated Environment
- Post-Secondary Education Counseling
- Workplace Readiness Training to Develop Social Skills and Independent Living Skills
- Instruction in Self-Advocacy
- Significant Emphasis on Serving Students and Youth with Disabilities by Increasing Opportunities to Practice and Improve Workplace Skills
- Pre-Employment Transition Coordination

Workforce Readiness Skills:

- Attitude
- Communication
- Networking
- Professionalism
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Functional Application of Academics to all Settings
- Technology in the Workplace

**Guidelines Set by the Department of Education and The Department of Labor*

Pathways to Life meets Department of Education Transition guidelines - as indicated by the individuals with disabilities Education Act - and the regulations related to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 511. the goal is to provide skills to develop independence to the home and community settings.



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