

Hospitality and Applied Skills Program (HaAS)

The Hospitality and Applied Skills Program is a setting in which students with disabilities (ages 14-21) are involved in meaningful activities to build toward work-readiness.

Students attending the Hospitality and Applied Skills Program (HaAS) have a variety of physical, social, and academic abilities and needs. To be considered for the program, the school district or BOCES 2 classroom teacher will complete a referral for the student to be reviewed by the Transition Central Referral Committee. In addition, the student may visit the program for an assessment to assure appropriate placement. Goals and objectives are included on each student's IEP. Students attend either morning or afternoon sessions up to five times per week. Hospitality and Applied Skills is an unpaid skill development program. The HaAS Program classrooms are located at the Exceptional Children Learning Center on the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES campus in Spencerport, NY.

Staffing

The Hospitality and Applied Skills Program is staffed by certified Special Education Teachers with experience in developing and providing career readiness training for students with physical and intellectual disabilities. In addition, a Special Education Teacher and teacher aides work closely with small groups of students to assist them in learning specific components of a job and/or skill.



Program Philosophy

Anchored in the Learning Standards for Career Development and Occupational Studies, and with a focus in the area of hospitality, students will have the opportunity to develop skills which are connected to a growing industry. In addition, students will be provided with opportunities to develop positive employability skills. These skills include, but are not limited to, attendance and punctuality, responding positively to supervisors and problem solving. Students will hone applied skills which will support their future success in additional career readiness placements, such as Work-Based Learning.

In connection to the CDOS Standard 2: Integrated Learning Students will demonstrate how academic knowledge and skills are applied in the workplace and other settings.

Hospitality:

Students will learn basic hospitality skills needed when working in a setting where they will work closely with guests to provide a positive experience. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining a clean hotel room
- Washing dishes
- Folding bedding
- Vacuuming and dusting
- Room set up for events
- Rolling silverware
- Cleaning bathrooms
- Coffee and snack bars
- Wiping down fitness equipment

Students will also have the opportunity to visit local businesses related to the skills practiced throughout the school year through field trips.

In connection to the CDOS Standard 3a: Universal Foundation Skills Students will demonstrate mastery of the foundation skills and competencies essential for success in the workplace.

Applied Skills:

Students will learn various skills that will help them when they go to another career readiness placement, such as a Work-Based Learning Site. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Hanging and tagging clothes
- Recycling
- Sorting cans and bottles
- Stocking shelves
- Checking inventory
- Laundry
- Greenhouse work

Work Experience

The program will work towards continued growth in the areas of Teamwork, Responsibility, Respect, and being Goal-Driven. The skills and experiences obtained within the Hospitality and Applied Skills Program will provide future opportunities in additional Career Readiness Programs, such as Work-Based Learning.

