

UNIQUE COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

In June of 2012, on the campus of the University of Arizona, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the President of the University, Eugene Sander, on behalf of the Arizona Board of Regents, and by Michael Storz, President of Chapel Haven, Inc.

This collaboration—the first of its kind—allows Chapel Haven West students to take classes in the University system (complying with prerequisites, as required), while fully participating in the University community as Arizona Wildcats! Chapel Haven West students are an integral part of campus life, enjoying the benefits that all UA students enjoy—clubs, recreation center membership, study groups, library privileges, and much more.



This collaboration opens the door to reciprocal research opportunities, particularly in the Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and Education departments. Chapel Haven and Chapel Haven West have always distinguished the quality of their programs through longitudinal studies of their students. Now, those same opportunities are open to the academic community, which can only serve to increase our program success rate.

This articulated collaboration between the Arizona Board of Regents and Chapel Haven West is a unique partnership in this country. We are proud of what it offers our students, and proud to be partners with the University.



OUR MISSION

Chapel Haven provides lifelong individualized services for people with developmental and social disabilities, empowering them to live independent and self-determined lives.



“More than anything, Chapel Haven has meant freedom, friendship and happiness to me....I have more friends at Chapel Haven West than I have almost anywhere else. I have learned to essentially become an independent, socially acceptable man. I am very thankful for this. These have been the best two years of my life.” –Graduate, Chapel Haven West

CHAPELHAVEN

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A campus interview, visit and review of intake materials will be required prior to admission.

For more information, please call the Chapel Haven Office of Admissions at 1.877.824.9378.

Accreditations

Approved by the AZ State Department of Education
Authorized vendor for AZ State Department of Developmental Disabilities

A unique integration of
social communication and independent living

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of Arizona



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CHAPEL HAVEN WEST

in Tucson, Arizona provides a residential transition program followed by lifelong supports for adults 18+ with autism spectrum disorders and related social disabilities. Building on Chapel Haven's success of more than 40 years as a leader in the field of teaching and supporting individuals with learning challenges, Chapel Haven West teaches young adults to live independent and productive lives.

The 24-month curriculum focuses in four key areas:

- social communicative competency
- self-determination
- independent living
- supports for college/work

Students live in a beautifully renovated apartment complex with 24-hour staffing and within walking distance to the University of Arizona (U of A). The program's proximity to the U of A provides a rich array of benefits for Chapel Haven West students. The students attend classes and have access to university facilities including the Student Union, libraries, newly renovated Campus Recreation Center,



state-of-the-art Disability Resource Center (DRC), and the renowned Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques (SALT) Center. They also enjoy a rich array of classes, life skills training and social recreation opportunities at Chapel Haven West's campus in the heart of Tucson.

THE CHAPEL HAVEN WEST CURRICULUM

Social Communicative Competency (SCC)

The SCC curriculum was designed by a team of experts and centers around a core component of social communicative competency (SCC). Living in an apartment with roommates, managing an academic schedule and transitioning



into productive and meaningful work, all require that students compromise, solve problems, and advocate for their needs. This part of the curriculum addresses how to establish and maintain relationships, how to problem-solve social communication breakdowns, and how to consider the perspective of others. Expressive and receptive language is targeted to improve conversational interactions.

With speech-language pathologists on staff, social communication is taught in classrooms on the Chapel Haven West campus and at the U of A and reinforced in all settings. A unique feature enrolls our students for two years in a college-level, credit-earning SCC class offered by the University of Arizona and held on its campus. The course is taught by clinicians in the University's Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department under the direction of Chapel Haven West speech-language pathologists.



Self-Determination

The second component of the curriculum which is blended into all instruction is self-determination. This is an individual's awareness of personal strengths and weaknesses, the ability to set achievable goals and make choices, to be assertive at appropriate times and to interact with others in a socially competent manner. These skills are taught by aiding the individual to identify his own emotions, needs, interests, and values as well as to develop an understanding of his strengths and limitations.

Independent Living – The Residential Program

Students move into apartments in the Chapel Haven West residential building. It is our proven belief that the only way to teach independence is in a setting that imitates life. Students are taught the day-to-day skills necessary for independent living.

Beginning with morning preparation for each student's individualized schedule, to menu planning, grocery shopping, budgeting and banking, meal preparation and apartment maintenance, our staff teach and coach, watching for any areas that may need extra support.

A Wellness Coordinator works individually with students on nutritious meal planning, healthy eating habits, exercise routines and healthy lifestyles. All students enjoy memberships to the U of A Campus Recreation Center, where they can also access personal training.

The Education Program

The Chapel Haven West education program offers a year-round, sequenced life-skills curriculum that is individualized to meet the needs of each student. Classes include apartment maintenance, banking and budgeting, financial planning, health and safety, mobility training, community safety and organizational and time management skills. The concepts of social thinking have also been blended into the life skills academic curriculum to stress and reinforce concepts learned in the structured SCC classes.



"Many people, such as friends and family members, have noticed that I am much more perceptive of other people and ask how other people are doing without thinking only about me. I am more comfortable making eye contact and talking to people that I do not know. I am doing a lot better in college than I would have done without this program because of all the support." –Graduate, Chapel Haven West

Postsecondary Options

Chapel Haven West's location close to the U of A and the downtown Pima Community College campus has many benefits. For some students, the college environment will offer the opportunity to sample classes and perhaps matriculate; for others, exposure to vocational opportunities may be a priority. For all students, this atmosphere provides occasions for socialization, volunteerism, clubs, intramural sports, mentoring by college peers, athletics, and the milieu of a vibrant, active college campus.



Employment

Chapel Haven West believes that living an independent and productive life is only possible if an individual develops competency in skill-based areas. In the first year of the program, vocational training begins in the classroom with education in pre-vocational skills including resume building, interview skills, career exploration, and instruction in the "hard" and "soft" skills of employment. During the second year, students rotate through a series of work-study assignments.



Based on each student's growth and abilities after completing work-study rotations, all participate in the job-development process to acquire continued volunteer work or supported or competitive employment.

Recreation Program

Chapel Haven West offers a comprehensive recreation program. We offer hundreds of activities each year to our students, graduates and community members. Especially in the residential program, recreation activities mean far more than just having fun—they foster social competency and the ability to make improved social judgments. Also stressed are the skills of time management, money management and the responsibility of remaining within a schedule. Movies, shopping trips, baseball games, a night out at a restaurant or nightclub, taking in a theater production, hiking in Sabino Canyon, or visiting museums are just a few examples of the activities offered.