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Beacon connects meaningful studies with student interests for an unforgettable summer of learning.

Summer for Success

Our summer program aims to give college-bound students who learn differently the skills, confidence and preparation to successfully transition from high school.

We do so by helping them better understand their learning differences, recognize early stumbling blocks and know what they need to succeed in their first year of college.

Our core courses are structured to meaningfully prepare students for college to be more effective and confident learners. Most importantly, students get to experience what it's like to live — and learn — on a college campus.

Program Highlights

Students attending our exciting summer program:

- Participate in two core courses plus electives of interest
- Experience real college life with exposure to the expectations, assignments and time management skills needed for college success
- Gain important strategies and life skills that can be applied immediately to their high school studies
- Meet current Beacon faculty and students
- Learn how to self-advocate and make the most of essential college support programs
- Participate in a variety of campus activities and join in weekend excursions to Orlando area theme parks and other outdoor ventures

FIND A COMPLETE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
AND A TYPICAL DAY'S SCHEDULE AT:

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WHY BEACON?



SUNDAY, JULY 9 – FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

Added Value: Individualized Awareness Overview

The family of every summer program participant will receive a personal “Awareness” Overview” that is designed to help the student prepare for college study. Developed by an educational psychologist at Beacon, the overview summarizes a student’s strengths as well as areas requiring additional focus that were identified by the Summer for Success faculty and staff.

Summer Schedule

All students follow the same schedule with classes held Monday through Friday. On weekends, students enjoy a variety of on-campus and off-campus activities.

During the week, students begin their days with breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by two core courses lasting 80 minutes each. Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m., followed by 30 minutes of free time and announcements. Elective classes are offered in the afternoon.

The rest of the afternoon includes personal time for gym use, study and relaxation, followed by group activities, guest speakers or other programs, dinner (5:30 to 6:30 p.m.), games and student life events. The day winds down at 11 p.m., when all students are expected to be in their residence halls.

Located an hour’s drive from Orlando, Fla., Beacon College is the nation’s leading four-year college for students who learn differently.



For more than a quarter century, Beacon College has been the recognized leader in offering affordable, career-focused baccalaureate degree programs for students with learning disabilities, ADHD and other learning differences.

Performance that Counts.

More Beacon students persist in their studies – and graduate faster – than the national average for all students.

CORE COURSES

All students participate in two required core courses: **Learning Essentials** and **Writing an Effective Essay**. Both are designed to prepare students for college.

LEARNING ESSENTIALS (Required)

Students learn how their choices directly impact opportunities for success in college and life. Topics include accepting personal responsibility, discovering self-motivation, mastering self-management, employing interdependence, gaining self-awareness, adopting habits of life-long learning and self-advocacy, developing emotional intelligence, believing in oneself, and identifying individual learning styles and effective learning strategies.

WRITING AN EFFECTIVE ESSAY (Required)

Students develop skills in writing multi-paragraph essays with emphasis on exposition, including the selection, restriction, organization and development of topics. Valuable skills acquired during this class can be put to use when students write personal essays for their college applications.

ELECTIVES

Our 10 electives allow students to advance their college skills and explore a personal area of interest.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Not all science involves microscopes and test tubes. Through this course, students explore careers with animals, learn how to care for animals, and sample different types of science used in animal facilities.

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BUILDING RESEARCH SKILLS NEEDED FOR COLLEGE

In this introduction to the information research process, students learn methods for locating, evaluating and citing both Internet and database sources. The course incorporates hands-on computer exercises, discussion and in-class group work.

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CHILL & BE STILL! An Introduction to the Power of Mindfulness

Creating more peace, focus, and joy in life is the goal of this interactive, hands-on class with its emphasis on mindfulness. Students learn practical strategies to reduce stress and to accept and embrace the “now” while discovering and developing their own strength, wisdom and social/emotional potential.

Study Strategies Labs

All classes are supported by Study Strategies Labs at Beacon’s proven Writing Center and Math Lab, where students receive guidance and support from skilled learning specialists.





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DIGITAL VIDEO

Editing digital video and audio is an essential part of developing multimedia web content for education, entertainment, business and advertising. Students in this class learn both the technical and artistic aspects of video post-production, and experiment with visual effects — including digital animation and green screen compositing.

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Students explore digital photography as a medium of visual expression. Topics include image capture, composition, lighting, color, subject matter and the history and process of photomontage. Students learn how to create digital images, applying concepts related to digital photographic processes and color theory.

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INTRODUCTION TO EQUINE SCIENCE

This course introduces students to horses with an emphasis on proper handling and safety in a variety of situations. Students learn the basic equestrian skills necessary for all levels of riding (beginner or advanced). They also learn how to groom, tack and saddle horses, mount and dismount, feed and water horses, and muck stalls. (Note: This program has an additional fee of \$800 due to the nature of the course.)



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INTRODUCTION TO FOOD PREPARATION Students learn the fundamental concepts, skills and techniques involved in basic cookery, with a special focus on the study of ingredients, cooking theories and the preparation of stocks, soups, thickening agents and the grand sauces. Students also learn about kitchen organization and knife skills through lectures and demonstrations.



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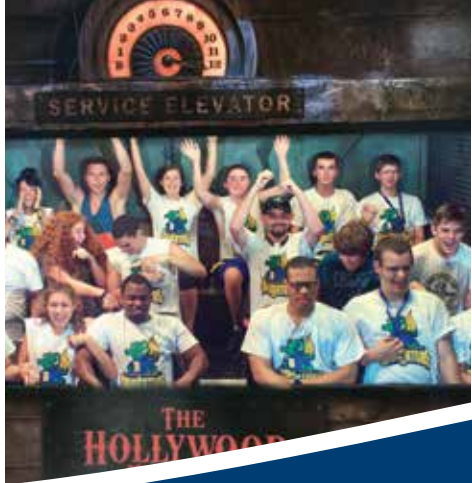
MULTIMEDIA FASHIONS

Exploring the world of 3D design is the goal of this course. Students learn the elements and principles of 3D composition and design, then organize a fashion show modeling wearable multimedia fashions created during class.

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PREPARING FOR COLLEGE MATH

Through computational review and practice, students prepare for the demands of college-level math through a focus on whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, proportions, practical applications and word problems.



Activities & Get-Aways

In the afternoons and evenings, summer students have the opportunity to:

- Stay fit in Beacon's workout center
- Enjoy films and follow-up discussions
- Showcase their talents at karaoke and open mic nights
- Unwind with video or board games, table tennis, billiards, or foosball matches
- And much more

Weekends feature a variety of on-campus and off-campus activities, such as:

- Day trips to one of Orlando's many famous **theme parks**, such as Universal Studio's Islands of Adventure, Disney World and LEGOLAND Florida
- Swimming and water sports
- Special student life events, including movie nights, music and dancing, picnics and team competitions

Costs & Scholarships

The all-inclusive cost for Beacon's Summer for Success is \$4,950*. This includes, tuition, room and board, materials, transportation and admission fees to all off-campus activities.

Scholarship support is available to students with demonstrated need.

* Students in the Equine Studies course must pay an additional fee of \$800 due to travel and stable costs.



Hear what students had to say about Beacon's Summer for Success in our video at:

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If you'd like to visit Beacon to hear more about our innovative approach to learning, register today for a personal tour or open house at BeaconCollege.edu/visit

“THIS PROGRAM SURPASSED MY EXPECTATIONS. IT’S THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN FUN AND LEARNING.”

Kelly

“I FELT A CHANGE IN ME. NOW I FEEL LIKE I CAN DO IT — I FEEL REALLY CONFIDENT ABOUT MYSELF.”

Eli

“YOU WANT TO BE HERE. I HAD A BLAST JUST LEARNING. MOST OF ALL, I LEARNED NEVER TO BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP.”

Alex

Questions?

Email the Office of Admissions at admissions@beaconcollege.edu or call **352-638-9731** or **855-220-5376** (toll-free).

You can download our application at BeaconCollege.edu/summer

