



HKNC Summer Youth Programs

Summer Youth Vocational Program (6 weeks)

Session I: June 8- July 17, 2020

Session II: July 20- August 28, 2020

This six-week program will give you a taste of the world of work. You'll start out shadowing a deaf- blind HKNC student at a job placement and then you'll have the chance to complete your own paid work experience.

Your vocational trainer will work one-on-one with you to find placements that match your interests and will provide on-site support when you're on the job. Our students have worked in variety of industries and settings, ranging from retail and food services to data entry and local government.

During the six-week session, you'll receive basic training in orientation and mobility, adaptive technology and communication strategies specific to the workplace, and you'll develop the skills you need to compete in the job market. In the afternoons, you'll meet with the other participants in the program to discuss your work day and learn from each other's experiences. You'll have the opportunity to:

- Get real world experience in a paid position;
- Explore your strengths and weaknesses;
- Develop interviewing skills;
- Learn how to write a resume and a cover letter;
- Find out how to be your own advocate;
- Try out assistive aids and devices; and
- Make new friends and visit New York City.



M~POWER: MY PURSUIT OF WORK, EMPOWERMENT & RESOURCES (2 weeks)

July 27 – August 7, 2020

Come join your peers ages 16-22 from around the country for a fun-filled, action-packed two-week program. A program geared for transition aged youth who are deaf-blind including major areas of Pre-ETS:

- Job exploration counseling;
- Work-based learning experiences;
- Counseling on post-secondary educational opportunities;
- Workplace readiness training; and
- Self-advocacy.

ARE YOU READY?

- To explore your Vocational & Education interests so you can make informed choices and take a more active role in your life.

ARE YOU SET?

- To make plans for your career & life after high school;
- To examine and learn skills in the core areas of Orientation and Mobility, Communication, Independent Living, and Adaptive Technology;
- To become work ready;
- To become an active volunteer and work as a member of a team;
- To determine your goals after high school and share lessons learned with peers;
- To explore job interests;
- To visit colleges and determine your personal accommodation needs and how to acquire them;
- To make INFORMED CHOICES.

THEN GO AS FAR AS YOU CAN!! JOIN US for:

- VOCATIONAL AND COLLEGE EXPLORATION
- ADVOCACY AND PEER MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES
- JOB SHADOWING
- READINESS SKILLS THAT LEAD TO EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS



**Summer Assessment Program (8 weeks)
For High School Juniors, Seniors and Recent Graduates
June - August 2020**

Use your summer vacation to get a handle on the basic skills you need to enjoy a full and independent life. Your program will be tailored to your individual goals, and everything you learn will have practical, real world applications.

During your eight weeks on campus, you'll receive evaluation and training in five core areas:

- Assistive Technology
- Communication
- Independent Living
- Orientation and Mobility
- Vocational Skills

Participants will also have creative arts classes. If they elect to, students have the option to take additional classes in nutrition planning, emergency preparedness, American Sign Language, and more.

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