Attending college is a significant life-changing event for anyone. For young adults living with autism spectrum disorder, it can seem like an impossible challenge, but it does not have to be that way.

The College Success Program for Students Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (CSP) is designed to help students maximize their potential for success as they live and learn within a caring Christian community at Eastern University.

Support is tailored to the challenges and strengths common to students on the spectrum, as well as to the unique needs of the individual student. Help is offered in the setting where it is needed, be that in the classroom, the residence hall, or at social events on campus. Simultaneously, ASD-specific training and consultation are offered to Eastern University's faculty and staff so that supportive strategies can be consistently and comprehensively applied.

Take a deep breath.
Attending college is not as unmanageable as you might think.
What the CSP Offers:

- Pre-fall-semester orientation
- Individual meetings with the CSP Coordinator
- Weekly Skills Group to provide education and support for academic and social strategies
- Evening study sessions 5 nights per week with oversight from the program mentors
- Live-in residence hall support provided by Graduate Student Mentors who are on call weekends, evenings, and overnight
- Assistance navigating the campus and social life provided by Undergraduate Peer Mentors
- Coordination with faculty, disability services, and other sectors of the University provided by the CSP Coordinator

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the CSP, prospective students must:

- Apply to and be accepted by Eastern University in a traditional undergraduate baccalaureate program
- Pursue a full-time course of study (Part-time enrollment may be considered on a case-by-case basis.)
- Have a documented primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (previously Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified)
- Show evidence of the ability to interact with college-level material and engage in thoughtful academic dialogue
- Have the capability to live in a semi-independent college environment (The CSP is designed for residential students. Commuters may be considered on a case-by-case basis.)
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is offered through

The Cushing Center for Counseling and Academic Support
CCAS Director: Lisa Hemlick, Ph.D.
CSP Coordinator: Sharon Thompson, Ph.D.

A program fee is associated with the CSP's services.
(This fee is not covered by Eastern University tuition remission.)

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