

Statistics, Fees and Facts

Statistics

- ◆ 5.5 million American adults are estimated to be autistic;
- ◆ 2/3 do not have intellectual impairment, yet struggle with executive functioning, self-regulation, and social interaction;
- ◆ 80 % are more likely to be unemployed or under-employed than other disability groups;
- ◆ 85 % of autistic college graduates are unemployed.

Fees and Facts

- ✓ \$3,200 tuition: 9 month program
- ✓ Instructional hours: 64
- ✓ Cost per instructional hour: \$50
- ✓ Counties: Valencia, Bernalillo, Socorro, Sandoval, Torrance
- ✓ Ages: Adult



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HORSES + AUTISTICS
= JOBS AND CAREERS



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The Program



Wilderwood's program combines the power of horses with a career and workplace curriculum designed to assist autistic people live strong, fulfilling, and independent lives.

Wilderwood's program assists with:

- ◆ Self-direction and management;
- ◆ Executive functioning;
- ◆ Communication;
- ◆ Career and employment;
- ◆ Navigating the neurotypical world; and
- ◆ Autistic esteem and identity.

Scholarship or other tuition assistance funding may be available.

We invite you to contact us to discuss how Wilderwood's program could work for you.

Dr. Rebecca Evanko
Dr. Mark Evanko

A Unique Approach

Wilderwood's curriculum differs from most existing work and career programs:

1. Designed *by* autistic people *for* autistic people, the program comes from a place of knowing and understanding the ways in which the world and learning best makes sense to autistic people;
2. Draws on the philosophy of *Hautism* — the innate connection between horses and autistic people;
3. Combines focus on self-awareness and management with tangible job and career skill guided by educators and other professionals both in small groups and one-on-one.

Wilderwood's unique three-semester curriculum is equivalent to 9 semester credit hours at a community or vocational college, and draws from the fields of linguistics, philosophy, psychology, education, medicine, sociology, and equine training and teaching.



Enrollment and Schedule

- ◆ Nine-month program taught over three semesters;
- ◆ Five areas of focus (tracks);
- ◆ Three hours per week;
- ◆ Participants can begin the program in any one of the semesters.

SEMESTER 1: Spring
March - May

SEMESTER 2: Summer
June - August

SEMESTER 3: Fall
September - November

Wilderwood is in recess during winter for facility maintenance, horse training, and volunteer education.

Questions?

Contact us to learn more about Wilderwood's program and volunteering opportunities.

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