

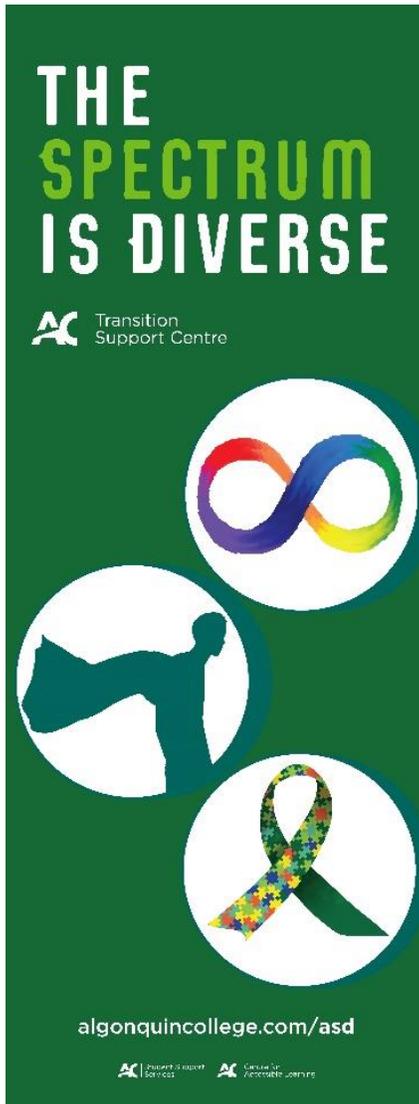


Centre for
Accessible Learning

2020 Transition Events for Incoming Algonquin College Students with ASD

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Welcome to Algonquin College!



The Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and the Transition Support Centre (TSC) for students with ASD at Algonquin College is pleased to offer a number of virtual transition events this summer aimed at helping students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD, including Asperger and PDD-NOS) transition to post-secondary education.

The events are specifically for **students with ASD who are planning to attend Algonquin College in the fall of 2020**. There is also one event tailored for these students' parents or supportive family members.

If you are a student with ASD entering Algonquin in September 2020, check out the events below and follow the registration instructions should you be interested in attending. We look forward to meeting you!

If you require academic accommodations for your program, please follow the instructions on page 9 to register for CAL Services.

Formal Transition Support Centre Events

Student-Only Virtual Events

Open to: Incoming Fall 2020 Algonquin College students with ASD

1. *Introduction to College and the Transition Support Centre:*

This virtual workshop will be offered twice in June on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 11th, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 17th, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 26th 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (optional Q&A)

On this virtual transition day workshop, incoming Fall 2020 Algonquin College students will tour the campus virtually, hear from a guest upper-year student, and have opportunities to learn about college expectations, understand self-advocacy in the post-secondary environment, and get to know the Transition Support Centre staff and students. **To register, please email:** AC-TSC@algonquincollege.com

2. *Connecting with the Campus: Getting to Know Services and Supports:*

This virtual workshop will be offered twice in July on the following dates:

- Wednesday, July 15th, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 17th, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (optional Q&A)

This virtual transition workshop provides incoming Fall 2020 Algonquin students with an overview of Learning Strategies and Assistive Technology as well as an orientation to Student Support Services, important campus locations, and e-textbooks. **To register, please email:** AC-TSC@algonquincollege.com

3. *Gearing Up for Classes:*

This virtual workshop will be offered twice in August on the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 18th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 20th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 28th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (optional Q&A)

During this virtual session, Fall 2020 Algonquin students will learn about self-advocating at college, note-taking strategies, learning in the classroom environment, and strategies for stress-management. They will also have an opportunity to learn more about Algonquin's main Learning Management System, which is crucial for

success in the first year, as well as other technology used on campus! To register, please email: AC-TSC@algonquincollege.com

Virtual Parent/Support Person Event

Open to: Parents or supportive family members of incoming Fall 2020 Algonquin College students with ASD

1. *Parent/Support Person Discussion Forum: Gearing Up for College*

This virtual workshop will be offered twice in August on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 16th, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 18th, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This virtual Parent/Support Person Discussion Forum will be held for parents or primary support people of incoming Algonquin students with ASD. This session will provide participants with information as well as a discussion forum to ask questions related to supporting their students in the week before the college start date. Discussion points will include:

- Changing role of parents
- Communicating with the College (services and faculty)
- Supporting academic success, self-advocacy, and disclosure
- Transitioning to independent living

To register, please email: AC-TSC@algonquincollege.com

Informal Events

Drop-in Times

The Transition Support Centre will be hosting virtual drop-in opportunities this summer for students to come and receive support from a Learning Strategist or Disabilities Counsellor.

Residence

Are you planning on living in residence? If so, contact us at AC-TSC@algonquincollege.com and ask for an information package regarding independent living in residence!

Summer Passport

Are you looking to get ready to attend Algonquin College in the fall? Take a look at our Summer Passport (see below)! This document will help you to plan and complete key activities in preparation for your first year of college. If you complete at least six activities from each section, you will earn Algonquin College Swag and be entered in a draw to win a gift certificate to Algonquin's Connections Bookstore!

***** Please note: the timelines for completing the Passport are suggestions only. Students may complete activities at their own pace and according to their summer plans.***

Summer Passport



The key to success is good planning! This passport provides you with suggested tasks to complete to support your transition into Algonquin.

Did You Know?

- ✓ Putting time into preparing for the transition into post-secondary will reduce the likelihood of becoming overwhelmed throughout studies.
- ✓ By attending transition events, students will meet peers and college staff and will get key insights into what to expect at Algonquin College. Students will also learn where to go to access support on campus.
- ✓ In college, students are now the advocates for their own needs. There are many people and supports on campus who are here to help – Just make sure to ask!
- ✓ The transition from high school to post-secondary education is not only a big change for students, but also for families. It is important to discuss the changes in family roles as a student transitions to college!
- ✓ To access accommodation services, students need to register with the Centre for Accessible Learning. Instructions to do so are outlined below!

Heads up! The dates below are just a suggested guideline. You may choose to complete the activities earlier or later.

Centre for Accessible Learning Activities

Most of the tasks on this list will take place with a staff member from the Centre for Accessible Learning. You can also just stop by the TSC (A144) on one of your visits to campus – *check out our website*

www.algonquincollege.com/cal for contact information and summer hours!

TASKS – COMPLETE AT LEAST SIX	SUGGESTED DATE	DATE COMPLETED
Collect your documentation and register with the Centre for Accessible Learning by following the steps outlined here: https://www.algonquincollege.com/cal/registering-for-services/	<i>Between May and June</i>	
Meet with a Disabilities Counsellor to develop your <i>Letter of Accommodation</i> (the College version of an IEP)	<i>Before September</i>	
Attend Transition Support Centre Virtual Transition Day Event(s)	<i>June, July, August</i>	
Attend one (or more!) TSC Virtual social events	<i>June to August</i>	
Have an initial appointment with a Learning Strategist	<i>June – August</i>	

Meet with an Assistive Technologist in the Centre for Accessible Learning	<i>August</i>	
Attend SLICE (register online at http://www.algonquincollege.com/cal/slice) *Please continue to check the website for updates related to the SLICE event*	<i>During the week of August 24th to 28th</i>	
Plan your ideal weekly schedule with a Learning Strategist and discuss organizational strategies and tools that will be useful for the school year	<i>August 3rd – 30th</i>	
Set up a “contact list” to keep contact information for your professors and other important people in one place.	<i>September 3rd – 8th</i>	
Meet with a learning strategist to set up your semester plan	<i>September 5th – 16th</i>	

Preparing For College Life at Algonquin

Most of these tasks on this list will take place on your own, with a group of peers, or with your parents.

TASKS	SUGGESTED DATE	DATE COMPLETED
Check out your Program Website to see what courses you will be taking throughout your program as well as other relevant info: https://www.algonquincollege.com/future-students/programs/	<i>May – June</i>	
Check for payment timelines – contact the Registrar’s Office if you have any questions about fees	<i>May and ongoing</i>	
Practice getting to campus the same way that you will in September	<i>July – August</i>	
Try ordering food on campus during one of your visits	<i>July – August</i>	
Visit ACSIS to get your network username, password, and schedule here: https://acsis.algonquincollege.com/students/	<i>August 3rd – 9th</i>	
Use your timetable to find the location of your classes and practice walking to the classes on campus	<i>August 3rd – 30th</i>	
Find two options for places near your classes that could be used for studying or spending time between classes	<i>August</i>	
Get your AC Card and UPass	<i>August 5th – 16th</i>	
Make sure that you can log on to your Algonquin Live email and practice checking it once per day: http://liveac.algonquincollege.com	<i>August 3rd – 31st</i>	

TASKS	SUGGESTED DATE	DATE COMPLETED
Purchase technology if your program is “BYOD” (or check that current mobile device meets requirements)	<i>By mid-August</i>	
Book an appointment at the Student Learning Centre (SLC) for extra Brightspace help: http://www.algonquincollege.com/slc/	<i>August 12th – 30th</i>	
Check availability of e-Texts. Purchase of other resources may also be required	<i>August 26th – September 3rd</i>	
Ensure that your <i>Letter of Accommodation</i> is provided to your professors (either do so independently, or ask for assistance from CAL staff)	<i>September 3rd – September 18th</i>	
Attend Student Orientation through the ACHub (Registration may be required): http://orientation.algonquincollege.com/	<i>Dates TBD – throughout August-September</i>	
Make an estimated budget for your living costs and daily expenses while you are at college	<i>August</i>	
Load money onto your student card (if you plan to use a meal card for food purchases on campus or if you wish to access Peer Tutoring)	<i>August</i>	
Buy a parking pass (if you plan to drive to campus each day)	<i>August</i>	
Find the closest bank machine (ATM or home bank)	<i>August</i>	

How to register with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL)

We encourage students to register with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) as early as possible before the start of the term. Those requiring more extensive accommodations (i.e., transcription services, sign language interpreting) are asked to contact the CAL as early as possible in order to make sure that services are in place for the start of the term. Remember, in order to access accommodations, you are responsible for registering with the CAL and self-identifying as a student with a disability. **Students in apprenticeship programs**, please contact the [Apprenticeship Success Centre](#) to access CAL services.

This process is for students accessing CAL services for the first time. A link for the complete steps can be found [here](#).

Step 1. Complete the confidential [Request for Support](#) form.

Step 2. Gather your supporting documentation. Review our [documentation requirements](#) and tips on how to [find your documents](#).

Step 3. Submit your Request for Support and documentation to CAL via the Welcome Centre:

Email: WelcomeCentre@algonquincollege.com

What's next? Our team will review your documentation and then contact you to arrange an appointment with the appropriate staff member.

Questions?

Feel free to reach out to the TSC staff:

- Email: AC-TSC@algonquincollege.com
- Phone: (613) 727-4723 ext. 5441

