Ace!

PURPOSE  
* Ace! helps college students with autism to confidently navigate the college experience by coordinating services that foster self-determination, social connections, and campus involvement. The program was established in 2016 by a LEND cohort and the Department of Social Work and Family Support Services at The Ohio State University Nisonger Center.

GOAL  
The goal of Ace! is to empower students with effective communication and self-advocacy skills that promote success in college and throughout life.

PERSONS SERVED  
Students who have been accepted into an accredited university degree program, are enrolled in classes, and self-identify having a diagnosis of autism or other social communication disorders.

STAFF  
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Graduate and undergraduate interns from OSU and Capital University Colleges of Social Work

SERVICES  
* Ace! provides opportunities to advance socially, emotionally, and academically. Services include academic planning and study sessions, facilitated peer support groups, and individual social support sessions. Ace! guides students in developing communication skills that foster positive interactions with university staff, faculty, and peers.

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COST  
* Autumn & Spring Semester: $7,000  
* Summer Semester: $2,500  
* Funds from a 529 College Savings Plan can be used to pay for the Ace! services.  
* Members are eligible to apply for the Nisonger Center Scholarship Fund.