

**The Ohio State University Nisonger Center**  
A University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

## *Ace!*

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<i>Ace!</i> 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.
<b>GOAL</b>	The goal of <i>Ace!</i> is to empower students with effective communication and self-advocacy skills that promote success in college and throughout life.
<b>PERSONS SERVED</b>	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.
<b>STAFF</b>	Karen Krainz Edison, MSW, LSW, <i>Ace!</i> Program Manager Erin Harris, MSW, LISW-S, <i>Ace!</i> Clinical Social Work Manager Graduate and undergraduate interns from OSU and Capital University Colleges of Social Work
<b>SERVICES</b>	<i>Ace!</i> provides opportunities to advance socially, emotionally, and academically. Services include academic planning and study sessions, facilitated peer support groups, individual social support sessions, and wellness counseling. <i>Ace!</i> guides students in developing communication skills that foster positive interactions with university staff, faculty, and peers.
<b>COST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Autumn &amp; Spring Semester: \$8,000 (\$4,000 each semester)</li><li>• Summer Semester: \$3,000</li><li>• Funds from a 529 College Savings Plan can be used to pay for the <i>Ace!</i> services.</li><li>• Members are eligible to apply for the Nisonger Center Scholarship Fund (as available).</li></ul>

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