Is HALO the Right Fit?

Our students:
• Previously received special education services based on an intellectual disability diagnosis
• Possess reading, math and written language skills at a third-grade level or above
• Have the ability to participate in most program or class activities
• Demonstrate the emotional stability to adjust to college life.

Preparing for Employment and Independence

All students in the HALO program enjoy a balanced learning experience specifically designed to enhance independence and employability. They take classes with peers both with and without disabilities. HALO students work toward earning a Certificate of Achievement in Life Skills Development by completing 64 semester hours of coursework. The time required to complete the program is typically three years based on the needs of each participant. Coursework requirements can be found on the back of this page. Complete descriptions of HALO courses can be found at www.heartland.edu/halo.

Campus Life

Forming friendships and building personal skills are key features of HALO. We put each participant on a guided path to success beginning with a customized course of study and orientation. Next, students will enroll in the introduction to College Life class where they learn to independently locate campus resources, accept responsibility for the choices they make during the college experience, and achieve their personal goals.
Applying for HALO

1. Print an application form from www.heartland.edu/halo or request one by calling 309-268-8255.
2. Ask three people to complete recommendation forms.
3. Secure:
   • A high school transcript
   • The most current IEP
   • Current psychological testing reports
4. Submit all these items to:
   Heartland Academy for Learning Opportunities
   Heartland Community College
   1500 West Raab Road
   Normal, IL 61761

Once an application is reviewed, an interview may be requested with the HALO candidate and parent/guardian.

To ensure the best possible results, each student accepted into the program will meet with HALO staff members, parents and an academic advisor. Together, they will create a customized course of study.

Cost

Currently, HALO courses are $200 per credit hour, which includes all instructional materials. Tuition for non-HALO courses, such as audit, credit and developmental education varies from course to course. Instructional materials are not usually included in the cost of these courses. Students living outside Heartland’s district will be charged accordingly for these classes. Contact a program representative for details.

Scholarship applications are available upon request. Financial aid in the form of grants and work study are available for students who qualify. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional help at 309-268-8020.

Deadlines

Applications are due mid-June for the fall semester and the first of December for the spring semester.