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 two 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.

Certificate of Achievement in Life Skills Development

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HALO Core Requirements: 16.5 Credits
- HLOCE 1010 Reading & Writing I
- HLOCE 1011 Math for Life I
- HLOCE 1012 Introduction to College Life
- HLOCE 1013 Computer Technology
- HLOCE 1021 Social Development
- HLOCE 1024 Community Awareness

HALO Electives: 5 Credits
- Exploration of Independent Living
- Cooking Skills
- Money Skills
- Health & Wellness
- ... and many more to meet educational goals.

Work Based Training Requirements: 12.5 Credits
- HLOCE 1014 Career Exploration & Development I
- HLOCE 1022 Career Exploration & Development II
- HLOCE 1026 Career Exploration & Development III
- HLOCE 1031 Work Placement

General Electives: 30 Credits
These general electives can be fulfilled through a variety of available courses. Contact a HALO representative for details.

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Arla Moore, Director of Disability Support and Tutoring Services
Phone 309-268-8255
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“Honestly, I can’t imagine where my son would be without this program. We were so very blessed... it miraculously appeared for him just when he needed it!”

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