

STEP Ahead College Transition Program

STEP Ahead College Transition Program is a four-week summer transition and enrichment experience designed to build self-advocacy, independence, and academic skills for a smooth transition to college life. Students take college-level courses, earn degree-applicable credits, and live on campus Sunday evenings through Thursday afternoons.

A typical day includes breakfast in our state-of-the-art dining hall, morning and afternoon classes with lunch in between, and dinner served nightly. Structured afternoon and evening activities are planned daily, along with enrichment experiences at off-site locations. The program supports students as they adjust to college routines while forming friendships and connections that often carry into their first official semester.

Students have the opportunity to meet staff and faculty, become familiar with campus, and identify key resources to help them feel prepared for the fall semester. Participants reside in on-campus apartments with access to a full kitchen and shared bathroom facilities.

The cost of the program is \$4,000, which includes tuition, fees, and housing. The 2026 STEP Ahead Program will take place June 28, 2026, through July 24, 2026. Official itineraries and schedules will be provided at the end of the Spring 2026 semester. To get started, please complete the STEP Ahead application, and a member of our staff will reach out to you.

FAQs:

- Step Ahead is designed for students with disabilities, however it is open to any students who might benefit from a transition program.
- The student must be an accepted and deposited Centenary student entering their freshman year.
- The incoming student must be enrolled in our Access+ program for their first semester.
- Academic and housing accommodations are applicable during Step Ahead.
- The 6 credits earned will count toward final graduation requirements.
- Applications and deposits for the program should be received no later than May 20th, 2026. Full payment of the program is expected no later than June 19th.
- Program dates run: June 28th, 2026-July 24th, 2026.
- All deposits are considered non-refundable.
- Students will have access to our dining hall during the week; however they may wish to bring their own snacks and any preferred foods. Students do have access to a full kitchen during their stay.
- Students are expected to adhere to our Student Code of Conduct during their stay, and more information can be found in our Student Handbook.

For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.
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