

LEARN *of the Jersey Shore*

Learning Enhancement and Resource Network

A Supported Education Service of Preferred Behavioral Health Group

WHAT IS LEARN?

LEARN is a supported education program that aims to provide educational and support services to people with psychiatric disabilities in post-secondary setting* so that they can have access to and successfully utilize the educational environment (Unger, 2007).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Residents of Monmouth, Ocean or Atlantic Counties
- are 18 years of age or older
- have a High school diploma or G.E.D.
- have a desire to go to college, vocational school or a certificate program
- are capable of performing the role of student with or without accommodations
- are currently in treatment for their psychiatric illness

What are Some Typical Services?

- Accommodation education and advocacy
- Academic counseling that includes choosing classes that meet the consumer's academic goals
- Provide campus orientation and assistance with registration
- Explore/secure funding options
- Negotiate former student loans
- Assistance in managing disclosure issues
- Skill development with organizing, planning, time management and other common college difficulties
- Linkages to peer support groups
- Explore transportation options

Why Participate in LEARN Services?

A supported education helps create rich social and vocational networks. It decreases episodes of inpatient care while increasing career maturity and improving a consumer's quality of life and self esteem, as well as providing a stigma-free social identity.



**For more information about our services,
and to see if you qualify, contact our office at**

1-732-367-5439



* Post secondary education is defined as any academic work or vocational training that takes place after receiving a high school diploma or GED. This includes college, vocational schools, certificate programs or any other schooling that yields increased employability.