Admission Information

The Arc Gateway Program for Adult Learning and Support (PALS) is designed for individuals whose academic, social, communication and adaptive skills are affected due to a disability. Most applicants would have received special education services in the K-12 setting and exited their secondary school with a diploma, GED or certificate of completion.

PALS is a certificate program (not an accredited college degree program). Students will exit their chosen training program with a certificate and potentially an industry recognized certificate depending on their chosen career path.

To ensure that PALS is the best option for each applicant, we require a completed application packet. Individuals wishing to apply to the program should possess a majority of the items listed below. Additional requirements for specific training programs may also be required.

- Desire to obtain community-based employment upon completion of career certification
- Ability to perform hygiene routine independently or has services to provide this support
- Ability to manage medications or has services to provide this support
- Ability to be unsupervised for an extended period of time on a college campus or in the community
- Applicant does not exhibit disruptive behavior
- Ability to communicate with others
- Functional math skills
- Functional reading skills by any mode
- Functional writing skills or a mode to produce written material
- Applicant has had prior vocational experiences that guided him or her to the chosen career path
- Applicant must have a desire to get and keep a job following their career certification training
- Applicant is 18 years or older (or will be 18 at the start of the training session)
- Applicant has exited high school. Applicant can apply while in high school and remain in high school until the start of the training session.
- Applicant has had satisfactory attendance at school and/or in other training programs
- Applicant must be determined eligible based on criteria established under funding opportunity
- Applicant can provide documentation for a diagnosis of a disability

By signing this form, the applicant and/or guardian acknowledges having read and understood the eligibility requirements for The Arc Gateway PALS and agrees the potential student meets all or most of the above mentioned items. This form must be signed and included in the application packet. Final acceptance to the program will be determined by The Arc Gateway PALS Admissions Committee.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____   Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____   Date_____