

The Bancroft School

Secondary and Vocational Education Programs

The transition from adolescence to adulthood is challenging for all children. At Bancroft, we help smooth this process for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our Secondary and Vocational Education programs prepare students ages 14–21 for adult lives and responsibilities — helping them to achieve their maximum level of independence, productivity and self-fulfillment.

Our low student to staff ratio enables Bancroft to provide a high level of individualized instruction and build on each student’s unique strengths.

Wide range of options

The Secondary Program is comprised of two tracks — functional and developmental — with students placed according to their needs and capabilities.

In the functional track, students focus on maximizing their independent-living abilities, personal-care skills, communication, and employment readiness. The developmental track focuses on similar skills, while also providing half-day, hands-on training in a variety of vocational settings.

The program’s goals are the same for all students: to prepare each graduate to successfully transition to paid employment, volunteer work and/or an adult day program.

Bancroft has a long history of integrating students into the community and helping them become part of the work force. In fact, about 85 percent of our students ages 19-21 work in the capacities described below or on Bancroft’s Haddonfield campus. Additionally, about 50 percent of students ages 16-18 participate in similar opportunities.

Educational services include:

- Developmental and functional academics
- Social skills instruction
- Community instruction
- Employment readiness skills
- Family life, health and safety skills
- Functional vocational training based on student skill level

Mission Statement

Bancroft’s mission is to ensure that every person is given opportunities for lifelong learning and fulfillment.

We do this by altering perceptions, and by supporting those with intellectual and developmental challenges and acquired brain injuries in achieving their life goals as valued and respected members of our world.

Program Leadership

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Bancroft admits people of any race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin to all programs, activities, rights and privileges generally provided to people served by the organization.

Developmental Vocational services include:

- Distributive education/convenience store training
- Food service
- Horticulture/grounds maintenance
- Material Handling
- Housekeeping/Custodial Services

Bancroft places students in the following types of employment:

- **Competitive and Supported Employment** – The student is hired directly by a company. A Bancroft employment specialist helps train the student and facilitates on-the-job support, gradually reducing his presence as the student is able to fulfill his job duties more and more independently.
- **Transitional Supported Employment** – A company hires a group of students indirectly, through a service agreement with Bancroft. A Bancroft staff member supervises the group at the employer's worksite. This arrangement serves as a training ground, teaching students to work productively and independently.
- **Contract employment** – A company hires a group of students indirectly through a contract with Bancroft. Companies typically contract for a specific project, such as packaging a product. The students work at the employer's site or at one of Bancroft's licensed workshops, under the supervision of Bancroft staff members.
- **Volunteer work** – The student does unpaid work, under the supervision of a Bancroft staff member, for public service, religious or humanitarian objectives.
- **Internship** – A company provides a program of study for a student, which includes supervised training by a Bancroft staff member. Internships may be paid or unpaid structured learning experiences.

The Secondary Education program also offers a six-week, Monday through Friday extended school-year program.

Who employs Bancroft students?

Bancroft's professional job coaches and employment specialists partner with many area companies to provide real-life work experiences for our students. Companies that employ our students include:

Autism Speaks - Westmont
Creative Wraps
CVS Haddonfield
Dollar Tree
Eickoff's ShopRite
Haddonfield Police Dept.
Haddon Township Library
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Manor Care
Markeim Art Center
Meals on Wheels
Radisson Hotel
Runnemede Library
Volunteers of America
Wawa
Woodbury Mews
Wyndham Hotel
Zallies Shop Rite

What our families are saying...

Because of Bancroft...

"I could proudly watch my daughter graduate from High School."

Wanda Cousins

"We can enjoy activities as a family."

Betsey Smetona

For a complete list of Bancroft's Employment Partners, please visit our web site at www.bancroft.org.