

Introducing IGNITE

A Summer College Preparedness Camp – June 22-28, 2025



The Autism Initiative at Mercyhurst (AIM) is excited to announce the inaugural offering of IGNITE – a one-week summer college preparedness camp for rising high school sophomores and juniors. This residential camp builds off the 15+ years of successfully hosting CREATE, a three-week program for rising high school seniors and recent graduates. Students participating in IGNITE will learn all aspects of college life, experience living in a residence hall, eat in Grotto Commons dining hall, and build key social skills that are instrumental in the post-secondary transition.

Sample Day:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Workshops (e.g. <i>Executive Functioning, independent living, etc.</i>)
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Activity (e.g. <i>campus tour, scavenger hunt, etc.</i>)
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch & Break
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Presentation by Campus Resources
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	College Course Lecture (<i>different topic each day</i>)
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Break
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Activity
9:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Apply Here: <https://go.mercyhurst.edu/register/IGNITEapplication>

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, we are able to offer this camp at no cost to the first 20 participants. To learn more please contact our team at aim@mercyhurst.edu



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