



Keep Achieving (*Kach*) at Brookdale

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Directions for Application



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*A collaboration of Brookdale Community College and
The Arc of Monmouth to provide a college experience
for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*

The goals of Keep Achieving (*Kach*) at Brookdale are to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become more self-actualized, become life-long learners, develop marketable employment skills and better social awareness, thus resulting in the individual's ability to live more independently.

Application for Admission Instructions

Applications will be accepted January 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012 for the academic year beginning September 2012. Once your completed application has been submitted, you will be contacted for a mandatory student/parent/family/guardian interview.

Applicants must have a strong desire to become an independent adult and possess sufficient emotional stability to participate successfully in the program.

Full attendance is expected. Applicants must make a three-year commitment to the program.

Kach is a certificate program (not an accredited college degree program). Students will receive a certificate of completion along with their personal portfolio.

Application Process

1. Download the Keep Achieving (*Kach*) at Brookdale Application from The Arc of Monmouth web page www.arcofmonmouth.org/kach, or call (732) 493-1919 ext 663 to request the application.
2. Complete and submit the application to:
Allan Cohen, Coordinator, Keep Achieving (*Kach*) at Brookdale
The Arc of Monmouth
1158 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
3. Submit a copy of your latest Individualized Education Program
4. Submit two letters of recommendation
5. Submit the completed Media Release

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NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Selection Process

Students applying for admission to *Kach* must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years-old and have completed their education entitlement in June 2012 *or*
- Applicants must be referred by their Child Study Team for consideration.
- Applicants must demonstrate the desire to attend *Kach* and adhere to Brookdale Community College policies including attendance.
- Applicants must be declared eligible for services by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities and have elected self-directed services funding *or* have funding from a local education authority.
- Applicants must have sufficient emotional and independent stability to participate in all aspects of *Kach*.
- Applicants must demonstrate the ability to accept and follow reasonable rules and behave respectfully towards others.
- Applicants must be able to administer their own medication and be capable of attending to their personal hygiene.
- Preference will be provided to Monmouth County residents.
- Applicants must be willing to be featured in any of the following organizations' media presentations:

The Arc of Monmouth
Brookdale Community College
The Arc of the United States
The Walmart Foundation

Due to space limitations, not all applicants who file the application and meet the criteria for admission will be accepted into the *Kach* program. Priority is given to Monmouth County applicants.

A Selection Committee will review applications and select students for admission. The decision to offer or deny admission to *Kach* will be made by the Selection Committee. If the number of applicants

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who meet the selection criteria exceeds the number of spaces available, a lottery system may be used in the selection of applicants.

Application Selection Process (continued):

Letters will be mailed to all applicants of *Kach* indicating whether the applicant was accepted or not accepted. Please do not call or email about the status of your application, as we will not be able to provide this information.

Transportation is the responsibility of the student.

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