

# New Visions 2026



Summer 2026

Week 1: July 19 - July 24

Week 2: July 26 – July 31

A College for Living Program

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# About the New Visions Program

New Visions is a week-long “full-time” college experience for students with intellectual disabilities. Students reside on campus, sleep in air-conditioned residence halls, and integrate with other summer school students. Our goal is to provide a safe but stimulating learning environment, packed with choices and opportunities to allow each student to understand and enjoyably apply the independent living and social skills that are highlighted in the classes. After a week of course work, exciting and fun activities culminate with yearbooks, a prom, and a graduation ceremony.

## Student Profile

Students with intellectual disabilities who are motivated to learn and grow independently in a structured, integrated environment will succeed at New Visions. Individuals come from a variety of living situations, including community residences, supported apartments, family residences, and independent living. While the minimum age for admission is 18, there is no maximum age limit.

## Our Staff

New Visions is staffed by caring human service professionals, educators, and college students gathering valuable fieldwork experience. Our staff represents a cross-section of the Central New York Community. Personnel include teachers, teaching assistants, overnight assistants and first-aid certified staff. Every effort is made to ensure that participants have a safe and enjoyable, yet challenging week. OCC has set procedures in place in the event of accident or injury, our Department of Campus Safety is available 24/7 in the event of such emergencies.

## Fees:

- \$100 meal fee for **all** students, plus
- \$250 housing fee for students staying the week in the residence hall.
- Students using HCBS waiver for tuition must be preapproved from OPWDD for Group Day Habilitation WOW, 5 units of service at \$202.59 per unit. SART must be approved before the start of the program.
- There is a \$1012.95 tuition fee for students **not** covered by the HCBS Medicaid Waiver (please provide a separate check for tuition. This is in addition to the meal and housing fee)

## Important information regarding fees:

- All checks or money orders must be payable to Onondaga Community College.
- The Medicaid Waiver will **not** cover the meal and/or housing fees. These are the responsibility of the student.
- If you are paying cash in person, please contact us to schedule a drop-off time. We will not have change, so please bring the exact amount of the payment.

## Registration:

- Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- In order to “reserve a spot” you must send in your registration form (page 3) and your class choice form (page 5) **as soon as possible**. COVID vaccination is no longer required.
- **DO NOT wait** for payments and/or other required documentation. Those items may be sent in later but are required by June 19, 2026. This deadline **will be** enforced this year.
- All required documentation is listed on page 8 of this brochure.

## Contact information:

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- Fax (315) 498-2569
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### Welcome to New Visions 2026

**Check in:** Students will check in at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Onondaga Community College Residence Hall B. Dinner will NOT be provided. Please eat prior to your arrival. After signing in at the welcome desk you will receive your room assignment. Your class schedule and complimentary t-shirt will be in your room. Staff will secure any medications once you are in your suite. If you have any other special needs, please tell the staff at the table.

**Orientation:** Once all students have arrived, there will be an introduction of staff and an overview of the week's activities. Rules and regulations pertaining to health and safety will be reviewed.

#### REMINDER:

- There is **not** a Nurse on staff. OCC has set procedures in place in the event of accident or injury, our Department of Campus Safety is available 24/7 in the event of such emergencies.
- Students must be able to self-medicate to stay overnight in the residence hall. Medications will NOT be administered by New Visions staff.
- Graduation is at 4:00 PM on Friday. Dinner will not be served.

**Check Out:** Students must check out immediately following the graduation ceremony held on **Friday at 4:00 PM.**  
**NEW THIS YEAR** – Residence Hall B will be open from 2:30 to 3:45 on Friday for pickup of student belongings. All students **MUST** be picked up by 5:00 PM on Friday at Residence Hall B.

#### Some tips and requirements to be aware of:

- No alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons are allowed on the premises. Students should not bring any kind of knife including filet, pocket or Swiss Army
- OCC is a smoke-free campus
- No pets are permitted (except guide dogs for students with visual impairment)
- You are encouraged to leave valuables at home. Onondaga Community College will not be responsible for theft or loss of valuables.
- **Bedding:** We provide 1 flat sheet, 1 blanket, 1 pillow, and 1 towel. If you would like, please bring your own blanket, sheets, and pillows. Bring enough colored (not white) towels and washcloths for the week.
- **Clothing:** Bring enough clothing for the entire week. Do not forget rain gear and dress clothes for graduation and prom. Please label clothing and personal belongings with your name.
- **Personal items and toiletries:** We do not provide toiletries. Bring soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, brush, comb, razor, and sunscreen. Women, please remember personal hygiene supplies.

#### Money

If you wish to purchase an item or items from the New Visions store, plan to use the laundry, or access the soda and snack machines, please bring enough cash. Our staff will not loan students' money. Keep your money in a safe place, wallet, or purse.

#### Evening activities

A choice of campus activities are provided each evening, which includes special events and movies. All events and sites will be adequately staffed for comfort and safety.

### New Visions 2026 theme is Halloween!

**Feel free to bring a Halloween Costume to wear to Karaoke  
Tuesday night!**



# NEW VISIONS 2026 REGISTRATION & STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_M \_\_\_F  
(Must be 18 by 7/19/26)

Primary Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Back-up Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Care Mgr. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CCO: \_\_\_\_\_

Care Mgr. email: \_\_\_\_\_ Care Mgr. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicaid# \_\_\_\_\_ TABS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Which week do you want to attend? (choose one) Self-Direct Budget: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
\_\_\_ Week One (July 19 – July 24) \_\_\_ Week Two (July 26 – July 31)

Are you staying in the residence hall for the week, or coming for the day only? (choose one)  
\_\_\_ Day Only \_\_\_ Residence Hall

Roommate request (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: (circle one) SM MED LG XL 2X 3X \_\_\_Other

## SKILLS OF DAILY LIVING:

Is student able to dine independently? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No, Explain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Diet: \_\_\_\_\_ List restrictions\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Is student able to dress themselves? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No, Explain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Toileting: Students must be independently responsible for toileting and showering unless they bring an aide to assist them.**

Does student wear: \_\_\_glasses \_\_\_hearing aid \_\_\_adaptive equipment?

**Students requiring 1:1 supervision/assistance must bring an aide to assist them.**

Does student administer medication independently? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No (Medication will **not** be administered by staff)

## MEDICAL CONCERNS:

Does student have a seizure disorder? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Sun Sensitivity: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Allergies (food/medication, list with the description of reaction if known)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe any significant medical conditions and what is normal or abnormal for student (Attach additional paper if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

This student may participate in a physical activity: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

## BEHAVIOR CONCERNS:

Does student have any behavioral concerns, an IPOP, or issues requiring precautions? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No, Explain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students requiring 1:1 supervision/assistance must bring an aide to assist them.**

Please describe any other pertinent information regarding the student which has not been stated otherwise on the application, but may affect his/her participation in the program.\* \_\_\_\_\_

## SAFEGUARDS:

Fire evacuation level of independence: \_\_\_Independent \_\_\_Verbal prompts \_\_\_Physical assistance

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent, Care Provider, or Guardian may also sign)

\*Attach additional sheets if necessary

**ALL STUDENTS:** Please read and sign the following **three** statements

**Financial Responsibility Agreement:**

1. By registering for classes at Onondaga Community College, I acknowledge and agree that I am at least 18 years of age or the parent/legal guardian of a student under the age of 18.
2. I understand that if I decide not to attend the course, for which I am registering, that it is my responsibility to drop the course three (3) days prior to the start date to avoid any financial liability.
3. For Onondaga Community College's complete Financial Responsibility Agreement, please reference the OCC website.
4. I hereby apply for registration and certify that all information I have given to be true and correct. I agree to obey all rules and regulations of Onondaga Community College.

Signature of Student/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Publicity Release: (must be signed to have picture in yearbook)**

I hereby give my full consent to the **New Visions** program to use any or all photos, video images, and audio recordings of \_\_\_\_\_ (name).

The **New Visions** program agrees and promise that none of these materials will be used for profit or any purpose other than its own education and public information projects.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GENERAL RELEASE - HOLD HARMLESS STATEMENT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, know that the undersigned in consideration of permitting me to participate in the **New Visions** program has remised; released and forever discharged, and by these present do for myself and for my heirs, distributees, executors and administrators, remise, release and forever discharge Onondaga Community College, Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation, and the County of Onondaga, their respective agents, servants and employees of and from all and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, claims, promises, damages, judgments, executions claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which against Onondaga Community College, Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation, and the County of Onondaga, their respective agents, servants and employees, I ever had now have, or which myself, my heirs, distributees, executors or administrators, hereafter can, shall or may have for, upon or by reason of my participation in the above mentioned program at Onondaga Community College and my future participation in the above mentioned hereafter.

I willingly and voluntarily assume all risks in the aforementioned and in the use of the facilities, equipment and transportation related thereto and this release is expressly executed and delivered to Onondaga Community College for the express purpose of enabling me to participate in said program.

I \_\_\_\_\_ shall indemnify and hold harmless Onondaga Community College, Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation, and the County of Onondaga its employees, agents, officials, representatives and attorneys and assigns from any and all liability arising directly out of my negligence in connection with this program and/or event including but not limited to payment of all fees for my attorney and all incidental litigation expenses in the event that Onondaga Community College and the County of Onondaga any of its employees, agents, officials, representatives, attorneys and assigns are sued upon a claim resulting from my negligent actions or performance.

I further acknowledge to Onondaga Community College that I have disclosed all medical conditions, illnesses and problems pertaining to my (or my charges) health which might have a bearing on the ability to participate in program activities, and I affirmatively promise to keep the program informed in writing of any change in health status.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Week: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASS CHOICE FORM New Visions 2026

Please choose 4 classes from the "FIRST CHOICE" column and 4 classes from the "SECOND CHOICE" column. We will try our best to get you into your favorite classes, but remember that registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis and those who get their forms in early will have the best chance of getting all of their first choices. Class descriptions are on pages 6 and 7.

### FIRST CHOICE – choose 4 in this column

- Acting 101
- Crafting
- Current Events
- Dream Boards
- Halloween Fun
- Healthy Lifestyles/Hygiene
- Hiking
- Job Skills
- Money Math
- Music Appreciation
- Outdoor Games
- Sign Language
- Yoga

### SECOND CHOICE – choose 4 in this column

- Acting 101
- Crafting
- Current Events
- Dream Boards
- Halloween Fun
- Healthy Lifestyles/ Hygiene
- Hiking
- Job Skills
- Money Math
- Music Appreciation
- Outdoor Games
- Sign Language
- Yoga

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Acting 101

Join your friends while taking part in fun drama activities. Work on developing communication and promoting your unique creativity. Acting involves teamwork, communication, eye contact and other helpful skills such as facing the audience and positive body language. Additionally, acting provides freedom in exploring different worlds of expression.

### Crafting

Make and enjoy projects with fabric, paint, wood, and paper. You will create a variety of projects that you can take home. Emphasis will be on following directions while having fun with a new hobby.

### Current Events

Do you wish you understood more about the events in the community and world around you? Take this class and explore different ways to obtain knowledge about what is going on locally and nationally.

### Dream Boards

This fun class will get you thinking about what makes you happy and what goals you want to achieve. Use your imagination in this class to make a vision board to create and record your dreams and goals. Your creation will be something you can take home and look at every day to inspire you to work towards your goals and achieving your dreams.



### Halloween Fun

Join your friends in learning how and why Halloween became a popular event celebrated by many people. Exciting activities and spooky conversations will thrill you. Come join us if you dare!

### Healthy Lifestyles/Hygiene

Lifestyles can be healthy or unhealthy based on food choices, activity level and behavior. A positive lifestyle can bring happiness, while a negative lifestyle can lead to sadness. True happiness can change your attitude and inspire you to make better decisions about your health and behavior. In this class you will learn ways to improve your lifestyle with diet and exercise, good hygiene habits, manage your feelings and find healthy relationships.

### Hiking

Walk the trails at OCC. Explore our beautiful campus and take part in fun discussions about fitness and diet. Learn how easy and enjoyable it is to be healthy and how just walking can be great exercise.



## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

### Job Skills

A successful employee is one who understands the proper way to manage themselves in the workplace. Learn the importance of being on time, having the proper attire and appearance at work, and how to interact with your colleagues and boss. A little extra work on yourself can increase your chances of success on the job.



### Money Math

We use math every day without even realizing it. Do you need help with recognizing numbers so that you can play card games like Uno? Maybe you need help counting so that you can count the dots on the dice in a Yahtzee or Sorry game. Do you need help ordering from a menu and knowing if you have enough money? Take this class and you will learn with friends, basic math skills to further enjoy your life.

### Music Appreciation

Listen and explore several types of music while learning the history of each style. Classes will discuss classical, country, jazz, and rock and roll. You will be encouraged to bring your own samples to share. This is a wonderful way to share your knowledge while learning about others' taste in music.

### Outdoor Games

Come outside and get some fresh air with friends in this exciting class! Play outdoor games to learn teamwork skills and exciting games and activities that are fun and will keep you moving!

### Sign Language

This course is designed to give students a basic language foundation in ASL (American Sign Language). The course will include: the alphabet and finger-spelling; colors; animals; foods and drinks; family signs; feelings; verbs and key nouns; and simple sentences

### Yoga

Learn to relax, stretch, and breathe. Yoga will increase your mobility and decrease your stress. You will learn how to center your feelings and tone your body. Feel good about yourself!



**Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The program usually fills up within a few weeks from the time brochures are sent out.**

**Register early so you don't miss out!**



**IMPORTANT:** In order to “reserve a spot” for New Visions 2026, please mail, email, or fax the following two items from this brochure as soon as possible:

- Completed Registration and Student Information form (page 3)
- Completed Class Choice form (page 5)

Upon receipt of these items, we will send you a postcard notifying you that we received your registration. If we receive your registration *after* the program is full, we will place you on a waiting list and will notify you and your Care Manager. Once an opening becomes available, we will call you and your Care Manager, and will require any remaining items at that time.

**The remaining items listed below may be sent at a later date if necessary but are required by June 19, 2026.**

Please **DO NOT WAIT** for your funds to become available or all required items listed to send in your registration form.

**The following items should be provided by your Care Manager:**

- Signed copy of your current Life Plan listing Onondaga Community College as the provider of the HCBS Group Day Habilitation Waiver Service (New Visions) for the chosen week.
- A copy of students' Self-Direction Budget (SD Budget), **if applicable**, which includes Direct Provider Purchased DH, five units per year @202.59/unit.
- Approved Service Amendment Request Form (SART) listing Onondaga Community College as provider of Group Day Habilitation Services WOW (New Visions) sent to OPWDD (five units per year), **if not currently authorized**.
- Current Level of Care Eligibility Determination (LCED)

**The following items should be provided by you or your house staff:**

- Medication Administration Record (completed by family and/or house staff)
- Release form (**please sign all three releases on this page**)
- \$100\* meal fee for **ALL** students, plus
- \$250\* housing fee for students staying the week in the residence hall
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*\*All checks or money orders are payable to Onondaga Community College*

**Please mail paperwork to:**

College for Living  
Onondaga Community College  
4585 West Seneca Turnpike  
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**Paperwork may also be faxed or emailed to us at:**

Fax: (315) 498-2569  
Email: Dan McKenney at [d.mckenney@sunyocc.edu](mailto:d.mckenney@sunyocc.edu)  
Amy Mech at [mecha@sunyocc.edu](mailto:mecha@sunyocc.edu)

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## Medication Administration Record – New Visions 2026

\_\_\_ This individual **will not take** any routine medications while attending New Visions.

\_\_\_ This individual **will take** routine medications while attending New Visions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: New Visions, Week \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions: Please complete the Medication, Dosage, Frequency portion of the following table and return to us, even if independent with medication administration. Thank you.**

	Medication	Dosage	Frequency (i.e. 2 x per day)	Time (AM/PM/HS)	S	M	T	W	Th	F
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# NEW VISIONS 2026

## CAMPUS MAP



**Day Only  
student drop-  
off here:**  
Gordon  
Student Center  
Cafeteria

**Graduation here:**  
Gordon Great Room  
(Friday at 4:00)

**Check-in here:**  
Residence Hall B  
(Sunday at 7:00 PM)

### BUILDINGS & FACILITIES:

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| <b>P</b> Academic II/Performing Arts Center                    | <b>RHA</b> Student Residence Hall "A"      |
| <b>C</b> Coulter Library                                       | <b>RHB</b> Student Residence Hall "B"      |
| <b>F</b> Ferrante Hall   | <b>RHC</b> Student Residence Hall "C"      |
| <b>FBC</b> Furnace Brook Center                                | <b>W</b> Whitney Applied Technology Center |
| <b>G</b> Gordon Student Center                                 | <b>Y</b> YMCA                              |
| <b>R</b> John H. Mulroy Hall                                   | Student Parking                            |
| <b>JSC</b> J. Stanley Coyne Hall                               | Reserved - Resident Parking                |
| <b>M</b> Mawhinney Hall  | Faculty / Staff Parking                    |
| <b>S</b> Service and Maintenance Building                      | Visitor Parking Spaces                     |
| <b>A</b> SRC Arena and Events Center/<br>Allyn Hall            | Information Kiosk                          |
| <b>ST</b> Storer Auditorium/Ann Felton<br>Multicultural Center | Centro Bus Shelter                         |
| <b>RH3</b> Student Residence Hall "H3"                         | Lazer Line Bus Stops                       |
|  | Dining Services                            |
|  | Barnes & Noble Onondaga Bookstore          |
|  | Americu Credit Union                       |



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