

SPECIAL EDUCATION

SEED/TOP Internship Pilot Program for Students with Disabilities

In alignment with the [Chancellor's vision](#) of long-term economic security and opportunity for DOE students, the DOE is launching a new SEED (Sensory Exploration, Education and Discovery) [internship pilot program](#), in partnership with [Transition and College Access Centers \(TCACs\)](#) and the [Training Opportunity Program \(TOP\)](#), to serve students who display intensive sensory needs that can impact their academics, social-emotional learning, and behavior. Through the program, high school students with a current IEP will participate in a paid internship on Saturdays, in the field of related services; internship opportunities will be available in either the [SEED program](#) or [Saturday Academy](#).

The internship will enable students to explore careers in physical, occupational, and speech therapy, providing an enhanced student experience and pathway for career development. Additionally, students who complete the full 216 internship hours will be eligible to obtain the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) credential. Note that students who are scheduled for Saturday Academy services may still participate in the internship program.

Please share this information with your relevant staff and encourage students to [apply](#) by **January 13**; students will be accepted to participate via lottery. Note that program expansion is based on funding availability.

For questions about the pilot program, email [Crystal Ogir](#). For questions about CDOS, email [Jonathan Santiago](#).