

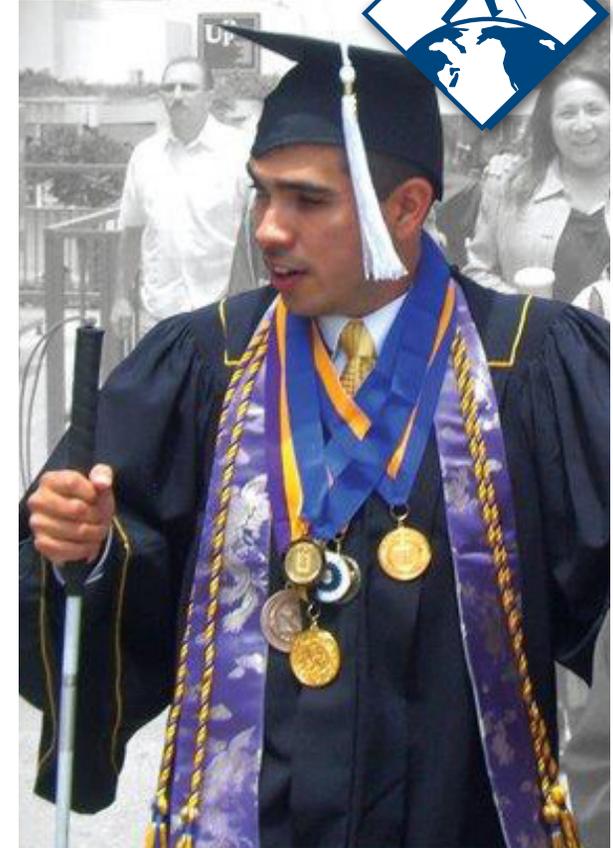


To be eligible for Bridge, students must:

- Be a high school graduate this year or entering a Running Start program in the fall
- Participate in DSB's Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Have acceptance to an institution of higher learning or Running Start
- Have acceptable levels of Orientation & Mobility and Daily Living Skills
- Be proficient with alternate reading formats

Students planning to attend college – either this year or in years to come – can start building their Bridge to collegiate success by contacting a Youth Services Specialist or their VR counselor for details.

For more information on the Bridge Program, or to request an application, contact the Department of Services for the Blind.



## Bridge College Preparatory Program

Helping students bridge the gap between high school and college

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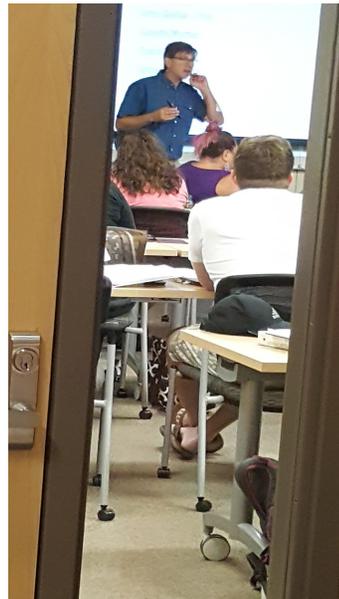
# About Bridge



Washington State Department Services for the Blind (DSB) offers Bridge – a five-week summer program to assist blind or visually impaired students in their transition from high school to post-secondary education. We work closely with DSB’s Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program to offer a “Bridge” between high school and college. Bridge is held at Eastern Washington University (EWU) in Cheney, Washington – near Spokane – from mid-July to mid-August each year. A

residential program, students live in a dorm and learn about campus life in preparation for entering Running Start, college or university in the future.

The non-college credit Bridge course runs during the week prior to the start of EWU course work. Each session is specifically designed to address the unique needs of blind students. Bridge classes consist of lectures and assignments focusing on college



life, study and social skills, and independence taught by DSB and EWU Disability Support Services staff. Students also learn campus and community Orientation and Mobility, including



tours of the library, bookstore, cafeteria, and computer lab. There is also time for field trips and recreational activities.

At the conclusion of the first week, Bridge students participate in a five-credit university course of their choosing from the EWU summer session catalog. This academic course presents a traditional ten-week curriculum in a compressed, four-week class. Throughout the five weeks of the Bridge program, students receive academic, social, and independence support – including mentorship – from DSB and EWU staff.