



Dear Parents:

We are delighted for all the interest in ECU Occupational Therapy Department's *Driving and Community Mobility Bootcamp* for teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorder. As you may know, we had successful Bootcamps in the past decade. We are quite sure future bootcamps will be as successful or better!

First, we learned that it is vitally important to meet and evaluate candidates for the *Driving and Community Mobility Bootcamp* beforehand. Second, we have a pretty good idea of who will benefit most from the activities. And finally, we know that we can only accept a limited number of individuals.

In addition to serving the needs of individuals with ASD in our community and state, the Bootcamp is a student-driven activity for work on their master's degree thesis and research projects. Thus, it is important to understand that the Bootcamp participant and/or parent will need to sign consent forms prior to any testing and/or intervention. The IRB ensures that our research is reasonable and ethical for our participants and all confidential information remains safe and secure.

The Bootcamp is scheduled for July of each year. We will have a "graduation event" on the evening of the last day.

Please fill out the application found on the website and return it to [dickersona@ecu.edu](mailto:dickersona@ecu.edu)

All individuals who complete an application will be scheduled for an evaluation for the Bootcamp. We will process the intake forms and offer an array of times for evaluation during the month of June and July. As indicated, we expect to have a sizable response to this year's Bootcamp and will likely not be able to enroll all who want to attend. The team will meet and determine – based on the evaluation results – who will be participants by mid-July. We apologize in advance if you or your child is not accepted. Primarily we are limited by resources, finances, time, and space. We are currently looking for funding or grant opportunities, so if you have any knowledge or have connections, please let us know.

Finally, for those who cannot (due to scheduling) or do not get into the Bootcamp this year, we may offer other opportunities. We may be able to offer at least some time with individuals who do not attend the Bootcamp.

Thank you for your interest and please contact me with further questions.

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