

**Undergrads: 15****School Website:** <http://www.mansfieldhall.org>

*Mansfield Hall is a comprehensive college support program and residence for young adults who will benefit from a holistic approach to higher education and independent living. Our mission is to assist students with various disabilities to successfully earn a college degree, develop living skills, and begin a productive career and independent lifestyle.*

*Mansfield Hall is located in the heart of Burlington, Vermont, where their students, attending any of the nearby two- and four-year colleges, can become a part of the larger collegiate community. Recently rated the "Happiest Small City" in the country by CBS News, Burlington is nestled between the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain and provides the perfect environment for transitioning into adulthood. The experience of successfully learning, living, giving, and engaging — of doing the work of an independent and contributing adult — is the powerful teacher that enables students to realize their possibilities.*

**Support Level: POSTSECONDARY & TRANSITION PROGRAMS**

## Counselor Review

### How would you describe your services?

Students come from a variety of backgrounds, but have one thing in common: the desire to lead an independent and meaningful life. They have the capacity for college study, but still need to develop their adaptive skills to reach their true potential. This may include students with low level autism spectrum disorder, nonverbal learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and other disabilities that provide challenges to obtaining a college degree independently without supports. Students live in two person apartments located in a 24/7 staffed beautiful house, have dinner provided daily, and have lunch and breakfast foods available daily. Meals are used as part of life skills instruction.

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### Can students be seen on a regular basis? How often? What is the most often they can be seen?

Students are seen daily by residential staff and tutors, every two weeks by their educational specialist, and every two weeks by their counselors. They also live with peer mentors studying psychology, social work, etc. in their house.

### Who works with the students? Professional Learning Disability People?

Students work with professionals at every level including tutors, educational specialists, residential advisors, counselors, as well as with other specialists as needed.

### Who provides writing help? Peers? Professionals?

Writing help is addressed by residential staff and by tutors, and by writing professionals.

### Who provides tutoring? Peers, grads, professionals, professors? Subject matter? Executive functioning (time management, organization)?

Executive function, time management, and organization are addressed daily with residential staff. Subject matter tutoring is covered by professional tutors who are familiar with the local colleges.

### Is there an added cost for services or a program?

Costs run \$24,500/semester which covers housing, food, and all services.

### Do you have an added application for services or what is the process for obtaining services?

The application process begins with a phone call to Grant Leibersberger, and is then followed by submission of an online application, IEP from within the last year, and neuropsych testing from within the last year.

### Who is a good fit for your program or services?

Our students come from a variety of backgrounds, but have one thing in common: the desire to lead an independent and meaningful life. We work with students who have the capacity for college study, but still need to develop their adaptive skills to reach their true potential. This may include students with mild autism spectrum disorder, nonverbal learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and other disabilities that provide challenges to obtaining a college degree independently without supports.

### Do you have a pre-college summer program for kids with disabilities?

Not at this time, but one is in the works.

### Approximate number large lecture courses a student typically takes?

This varies by the academic institution the student chooses to attend.

### Autism Spectrum Disorder?

They are very welcoming and helpful to students with autism spectrum disorders.