

The First Place Transition Academy, operated by the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC), is a structured two-year program in the supportive environment of First Place-Phoenix that helps build crucial independent living and career-readiness skills. Participants can maximize their capacity to live more independently through our Learn4Independence® curriculum and individualized services designed for adults with autism.

FIRST PLACE TRANSITION ACADEMY

Year 1

Participants live in their own private bedroom in one of four four-bedroom suites on the first floor of First Place-Phoenix. They participate in career services ranging from volunteer work and internships to community employment. Community life, building amenities/features, the midtown location, access to public transportation and 16 Learn4Independence courses enable individuals to build their life and work skills before moving on to more independent living in year 2.

Year 2

Participants relocate to a two-bedroom suite with their own private bedroom and bathroom upstairs at First Place-Phoenix as a next step toward greater independence. Participants complete 16 additional Learn4Independence courses, continue transition planning and receive a certificate in life skills at the GateWay Community College graduation ceremony.

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\$5,150*

per month

2020-21 annual tuition of \$62,800 includes annual fees; tax not included.



Private Bedroom
(in shared apartment)



Utilities & Appliances



Learn4Independence Curriculum



Clinical Services



Employment Services



Amenities & Features

*Inquire about ALTCS-DDD funding eligibility for Arizona residents.

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Learn4Independence curriculum taught at



**GATEWAY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
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Community



Finances



Health



Identity



Living On My Own



Etiquette



Nutrition



Relationships



Safety



Solutions



Transportation



Work