

# EXCEPTIONAL MINDS

A Non-Profit Vocational Center & Animation Studio

Featuring Young Adults On The Autism Spectrum



## Our Mission:

To provide young adults on the autism spectrum with customized instruction and hands on experience to earn a living in the fields of multi-media, computer animation and post production.

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*Do you know any young adults with autism who love animation and graphic design? What if they could learn their craft in a working studio and turn their passion into a satisfying career?*

### Introducing Exceptional Minds.

Exceptional Minds provides visually-gifted young adults on the autism spectrum with customized instruction to support, nurture, and develop their skills. Our ultimate goal is to enable our students to earn a fulfilling living in the fields of animation, computer graphics, and visual effects. Exceptional Minds provides the crucial bridge between high school and the working world.

### Individual Vocational Training Plan.

Upon acceptance, the Exceptional Minds staff will identify each participant's skills, knowledge, and interests and develop a tailored educational plan that best matches their goals. Upon completion, students are prepared for one of the following three tracks based upon their individual desires and proficiency.

- 1. Placement into private industry, working in their chosen field.**
- 2. Working on contracted, paid projects in the Exceptional Minds Studio.**
- 3. Teaching others within the Exceptional Minds program.**

### Exceptional Minds curriculum focuses on three areas of professional development:

#### **Technical Proficiency.**

Graduates will be proficient in one or more of the following areas: graphic arts, animation, web design, visual effects production, story development and editing.

#### **Social Skills and Team Work.**

Socialization and interpersonal interaction is difficult for many with ASD. The program takes students through the basic social skills necessary for individuals in the workplace to collaboration on team projects. Especially proficient students will function as project leaders to share their knowledge with other members of the team.

#### **Work Readiness Skills.**

Students will learn basic skills necessary for employment as well as how to start a project, manage workflow, and understand deadlines. Students will work on projects from the commercial world as well as internally generated content. They will be taught how to market themselves to prospective employers or clients and how to create and present their portfolios and proposals.

### Exceptional Minds Studio

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