

Dear Prospective Student,

We are excited you are interested in Manatee Technical College's Project Empower Develop Grow Educate (EDGE). It is our goal to provide you with a comprehensive educational experience that will lead to a successful transition to employment. Project EDGE connects students to technical college life, potential industry certifications, and employment opportunities.

Project EDGE is a postsecondary non-degree seeking transitional program designed for students with intellectual disabilities. The program offers you a chance to receive hands on learning and industry certification(s) in one of the following areas: Advanced Manufacturing and Production Technology, Advanced Automotive Service Technology, Baking and Pastry Arts, Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality, and Electrical Assistant.

Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Self-identify and provide evidence of Intellectual Disability through one of the following:
  - a. Individual Education Plan (IEP)
  - b. Diagnosis from a physician licensed under chapter 458 or 459
  - c. Diagnosis from a psychologist licensed under chapter 490
  - d. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Have a High School Diploma or GED
- Be a transitional student between the ages of 18-26
- Ability to communicate effectively, maneuver the campus independently, perform classroom tasks, manage self-care, provide own transportation arrangements, and demonstrate appropriate behaviors by adhering to the MTC student handbook.

Students must complete the following:

- Project EDGE Application
- Submit two Project EDGE Student Recommendations by a professional or personal friend.

Please note additional information may be requested if accepted into the program. Information is confidential and will not be released to any outside agency unless written permission is provided by those completing the application, except as required by law. All completed applications will be considered.

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to [mtcprojectedge@manateeschools.net](mailto:mtcprojectedge@manateeschools.net)

Sincerely,

Dawn Giddens

Project EDGE Coordinator

# Project EDGE Application Checklist

Please use this form to keep track of where you are in the application process.

All components need to be emailed to  
[mtcprojectedge@manateeschools.net](mailto:mtcprojectedge@manateeschools.net)

**Make sure your Last Name, First Initial is in the subject line.**

- Complete the Project EDGE Application
  - Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Submit documentation of Intellectual Disability
  - Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reference: Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date Asked: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date they Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reference: Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date Asked: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date they Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

All applications and components are due May 3, 2024.