



NORRIS ACADEMY

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Located 30 minutes north of Knoxville, Norris Academy offers comprehensive, holistic services to residents with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Neurodevelopmental diagnoses. Residents in our program typically have co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses and neurodevelopmental diagnoses that have caused distress at home, at school or in the community. These mental health needs and the co-occurring developmental diagnoses can result in needs that exceed the ability of the family or community to handle. At Norris Academy, our experienced team of helping professionals provides psychiatric, clinical and educational services that assess the functions of risky behaviors, develop plans to support behavioral change and work collaboratively with families, community service providers and schools to safely and effectively transition residents back into their communities.

Our Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) at Norris Academy is licensed for 63 beds to support residents with special needs and most of our residents have the opportunity to reside in their own room. Our therapeutic residential staff receives on-going training and supervision across different areas of medical and mental health topics to assist in best helping the residents and families that we serve. Our team of Master's-level clinical staff works hard to tailor each resident's treatment to create interventions that will meet their unique needs.



RESIDENT PROFILE

- Males and Female, Ages 6-17 years old
- Diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum, Intellectual Disability or other Neurodevelopmental disorder
- Must have a co-occurring DSM-V Psychiatric diagnosis
- Less intensive and less restrictive clinical settings have been attempted without success and/or have been ruled out due to safety concerns
- Evidenced need for highly structured environment due to inability to maintain stability in a community setting
- Parent/guardian must consent to treatment and is able/willing to participate in treatment as clinically necessary
- May consider complex medical needs on a case-by-case basis



STAFF CREDENTIALS

- Our experienced and highly skilled professional staff works closely with each resident to identify their strengths and needs to support developmental of the resident's full potential and mastery of critical life skills.
- Board-Certified Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist
- 24-Hour Registered Nursing care on-site
- Licensed/License-Eligible Clinical Therapists
- Certified Recreational Therapist
- Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst
- Registered Behavioral Technicians
- Special Education Certified Teachers
- Occupational Therapist (as necessary)
- Speech-Language Therapist (as necessary)



FACILITIES & AMENITIES

Norris Academy is located off Exit 122 on I-75 in Andersonville, Tennessee in a state-of-the-art program designed with the unique needs of our residents in mind. Each unit serves between 6-12 residents with community space for residents to engage in group therapeutic activities, recreational activities and healthy social and community interactions with similar-aged peers. Our program offers a comprehensive Sensory Integration room and multiple indoor and outdoor recreational spaces that are available to residents throughout the day to support self-regulation and to promote opportunities for healthy engagement in pro-social activities.

In addition, Norris Academy also has:

- **Seven classrooms** that offer developmentally- appropriated educational intervention consistent with the residents' developmental and intellectual needs.
- **Registered Behavior Technicians** for increased support and skill-building for highly vulnerable or at-risk residents.
- **Nurse's Station** designed to provide medication management, promote hygiene skills and manage difficult medical or physical needs.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

At Norris Academy, we provide **quality, individualized education** to each of our residents based on their developmental and intellectual abilities and potential. Many of our residents come to Norris Academy with Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs) and our group of state-certified Special Education teachers work with and adapt these plans to ensure that residents' needs are able to be most effectively met. Classrooms are small, structured environments ranging from 6-12 students in each classroom.

In addition to more traditional educational opportunities, Norris Academy also offers **hands-on vocational training** for students who may benefit from a more applied approach to learning. At Norris Academy, we believe that educational opportunities are critical to helping our residents develop into healthy adults and we operate a year-round educational program to best serve the needs of our students.



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