

About Our Schools

Turning Pointe operates a therapeutic day school for individuals ages 5 – 22, and two adult employment programs (supported and independent) for adults 18+, along with family support, including respite, adult and teen social groups, sibling support, and parent education.



University Partners

-  **Abilene Christian University**
-  **Aurora University**
-  **Elmhurst University**
-  **Lewis University**
-  **Midwestern University**
-  **North Central College**
-  **Northern Illinois University**
-  **Western Governors University**
-  **University of Illinois**

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Internship & Externship Opportunities



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“I loved my time at Turning Pointe and am grateful for the skills and relationships I gained along the way. It was a great introduction to the inner workings of the non-profit and education worlds, and I gained experience with fundraising, event planning, school operations, community outreach, and so much more. It is so evident how dedicated the staff, families, and other stakeholders are about Turning Pointe’s mission and its students. It is an amazing team to be a part of!”

Madeline Biagi



Our Mission

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation creates opportunities and programs to educate individuals with autism through proven interventions to increase independence, encourage meaningful lifelong pursuits, and enrich the community at large.

“ The use of sound behavioral assessment and intervention practices in a school setting puts Turning Pointe Autism Foundation among the elite school-based programs in the country. ”

Timothy R. Vollmer, PH.D., BCBA-D

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Credit Opportunities (unpaid)

Student Teaching

Special Education - ages 5 - 22

- Variety of evidence-based curriculum aligned with Common Core Standards
- Development of instructional strategies through best practices in the field

Clinical Externships

Speech and Language Therapy

- Training in the evaluation, use and programming of a variety of systems for non-speaking and limited speaking students
- Evaluation and treatment of expressive, receptive and pragmatic communication disorders

Occupational Therapy

- Exposure and training in the occupational therapy evaluation process utilizing a variety of occupation-based functional assessments, sensory assessments, visual-motor assessments, and skilled clinical observations

Practicums are also available in these fields of study: **Social Work, Applied Behavior, and Intense Behavior.**

Internships

We offer paid internships for students interested in experiential learning in a mission-driven, non-profit environment. These positions will integrate areas of concentration to provide students with critical thinking skills, time management strategies, intergenerational communication tasks and problem-solving opportunities during their time in the program. The internships are 12-week commitments designed with flexible hours to meet the student's academic schedule.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Non-Profit Management
Social Media and Marketing
PR and Communications
Community Engagement
Business Administration
Healthcare Field Interest
Event Planning
Fundraising
Advocacy



The best practice autism program at the intersection of hope and innovation.