

Student Success: The Impact of Inclusive Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

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Learning Outcomes

- Gain knowledge about the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (FCSUA) and Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTP).
- Gain more understanding through the data from the FCSUA Annual Report.
- Increase knowledge of student successes and the transformative impact attending an FPCTP can have on students and institutions.
- Gain strategies to help prepare students for inclusive postsecondary education.

The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act

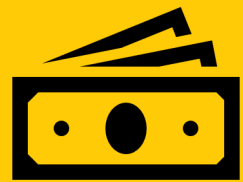
The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (FS 1004.6495) signed into law January 21, 2016, effective July 1, 2016



Established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at UCF



Established Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTP)



Funds scholarships for students to attend approved programs



Funds initial and continuing grants to Florida's institutions of higher education(IHE)



What is the purpose of a FPCTP?

To increase independent living, inclusive and experiential postsecondary education, and employment opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities through postsecondary education programs.



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Eligible Postsecondary Institutions

- State universities
- State colleges
- Career technical colleges
- Independent colleges or universities

FPCTP Requirements

- Meaningful credential, industry certification
- Focus on employment outcomes
- Inclusive contexts
- No less than half-time enrollment
- Requires definition of *satisfactory academic progress* (SAP)
- Requires federal comprehensive transition and postsecondary (CTP) program application

Eligible Students



BE

A “student with an intellectual disability” as that term is defined in 20 U.S.C. s. 1140(2).



PROVIDE

Documentation regarding their intellectual disability. Each institution and program decides what is proof of an intellectual disability.



ATTEND

Physically attend the eligible institution no less than half-time.

- https://youtu.be/n_-cUEly85E

Allow Me To Reintroduce Myself, I Am NOT My Disability! I Am Angie



https://youtu.be/svRCc2Xi7GA?si=WnU8lo7swkc_ju0v



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FCSUA Resources

- FPCTP Scholarships
- FPCTP Initial and Continuing Grants



Grant



The Center provides **initial and continuing grants** to institutions of higher education to support the creation and implementation of approved Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs. Initial and continuing grants provide necessary funding for FPCTPs for staffing, equipment/technology curriculum development and other necessary purchases to successfully implement their approved programs.

\$19 Million
**Grant Awards for
Program Implementation**

Scholarship

\$2.94 Million

**Amount of Student Scholarship
issued**

The Center also provides **scholarship funds** for eligible students enrolled in Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs who meets **Satisfactory Academic Progress**. Scholarship funds are used to fund expenses incurred during a student's postsecondary education experience, including, but not limited to, tuition & academic fees, textbooks, uniforms, supplies, transportation/bus fees, industry certification exams, technology and more.



Locations of FPCTPs

33

Approved programs located across 34 campuses

Universities

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- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Southeastern University
- University of Central Florida
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida

State Colleges

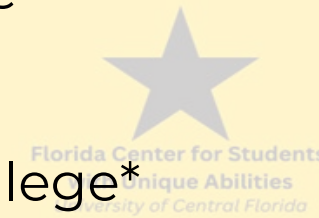
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- Broward College
- Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Indian River State College
- Miami Dade College
- Polk State College*
- Santa Fe College
- St. Petersburg College
- Tallahassee Community College
- The College of the Florida Keys

Technical Colleges

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- Emerald Coast Technical College
- Erwin Technical College
- First Coast Technical College*
- Fred K. Marchman Technical College*
- Lee County Technical Colleges
- Lively Technical College
- Manatee Technical College*
- McFatter Technical College
- Miami Dade Technical Colleges (Lindsey Hopkins and Miami Lakes)*
- Okaloosa Technical College
- Orange Technical College - West Campus
- Osceola Technical College*
- Pinellas Technical College*
- Ridge Technical College*
- Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College
- Sheridan Technical College
- Traviss Technical College*



* Newly approved

FPCTP Credentials Examples

Industry Certifications

- Automotive Collision Technology Technician
- Digital Design
- Nail Specialty
- Professional Culinary Arts

Local Certifications

- Florida Ready to Work Soft Skills Certificate
- Horticulture Agriculture
- Office Support Specialist
- Guest Services Specialist

Microcredentials/ Badges

- Corporate Communication
- Professional Services
- Professional Readiness
- Basics of Nutrition



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The College of the Florida Keys

Student Demographics

Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs are an inclusive environment, reflective of the institution's community. Students of every race, sex, ethnicity, etc., enter the programs and are educated alongside their peers while also engaged in the greater college/university community.

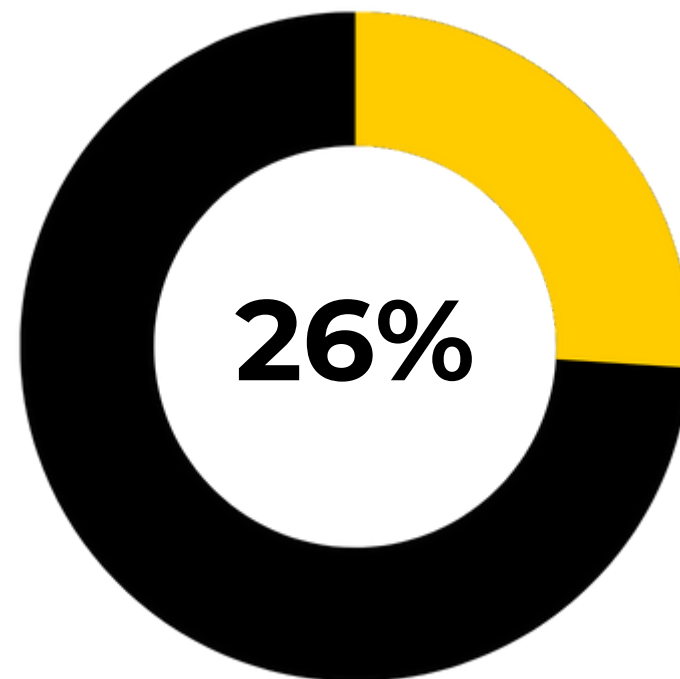
Sex



57% male students

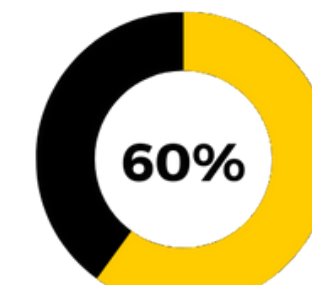


43% female students

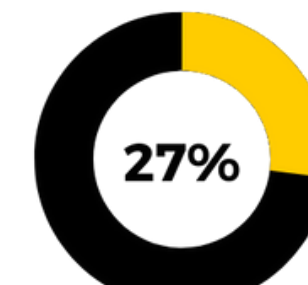


Hispanic
Students

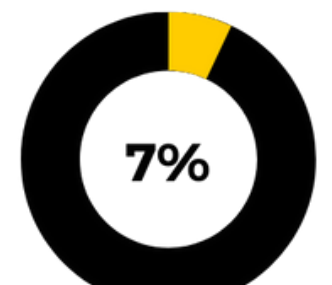
Race



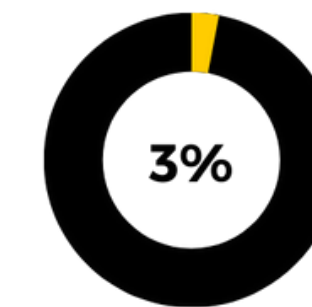
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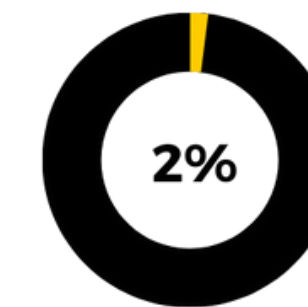
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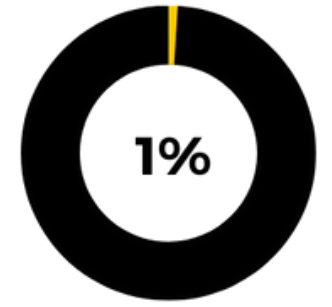
Other/Unknown



No Response



Asian



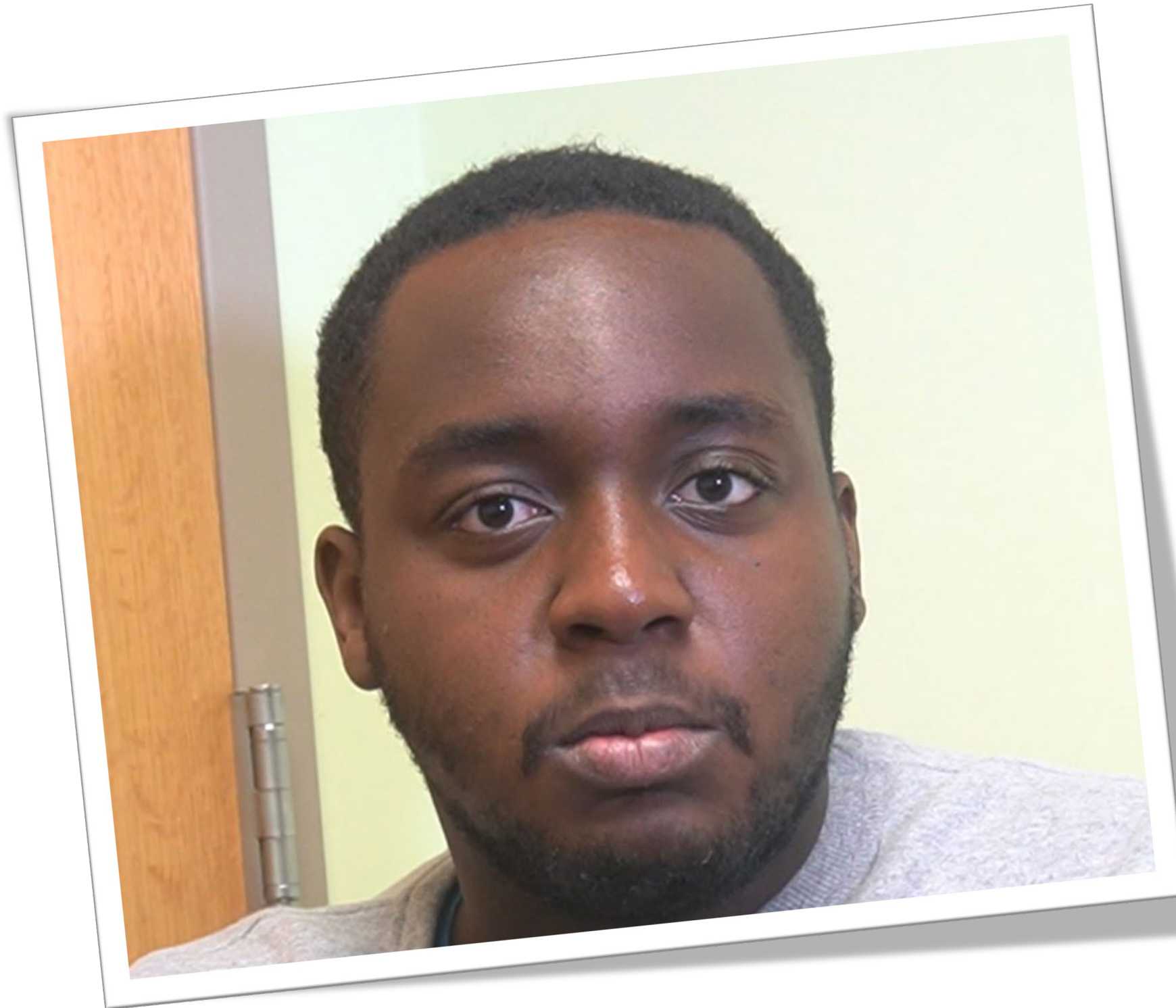
Pacific Islander/
Native American

Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs are a reflection of the institutions that they serve; a diverse community of individuals striving to achieve their dreams and goals, to improve and contribute to the advancement of their local communities.



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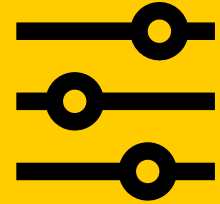
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Most Important Things Students with ID Need to Practice to Prepare for Attending an FPCTP

Independence



- Decision making
- Understanding Consequences
- Organization skills

Academics

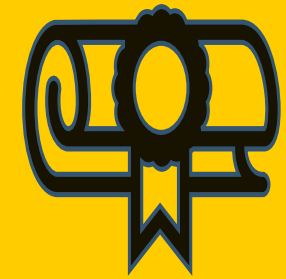


- Digital Literacy
- Using Assistive Technology

Social



- Personal hygiene
- Social and Work etiquette
- Conversation skills,
- Relationships and boundaries



- Have an I can attitude
- Be able to interact appropriately in inclusive settings
- Know their postsecondary goals
- Know college is an option

Most Important Things HS Teachers Can Provide to Prepare Students for IPSE Programs

Allow students to make decisions and live with consequences.

Give more responsibility and don't prompt every step.

Build digital literacy skills.

Raise expectations!

Provide inclusion opportunities on many levels (classes, clubs, lunch, staff, authority figures and work locations).

Encourage self advocacy. Allow students to be involved in the IEP meeting, creating goals, knowledge of their disability and how to advocate their needs.

Allow opportunities for failure and provide feedback. Hold students accountable for their actions and use moments for teaching correct replacement behaviors.

Help them dream! Talk about college options with students and parents! More career exploration!



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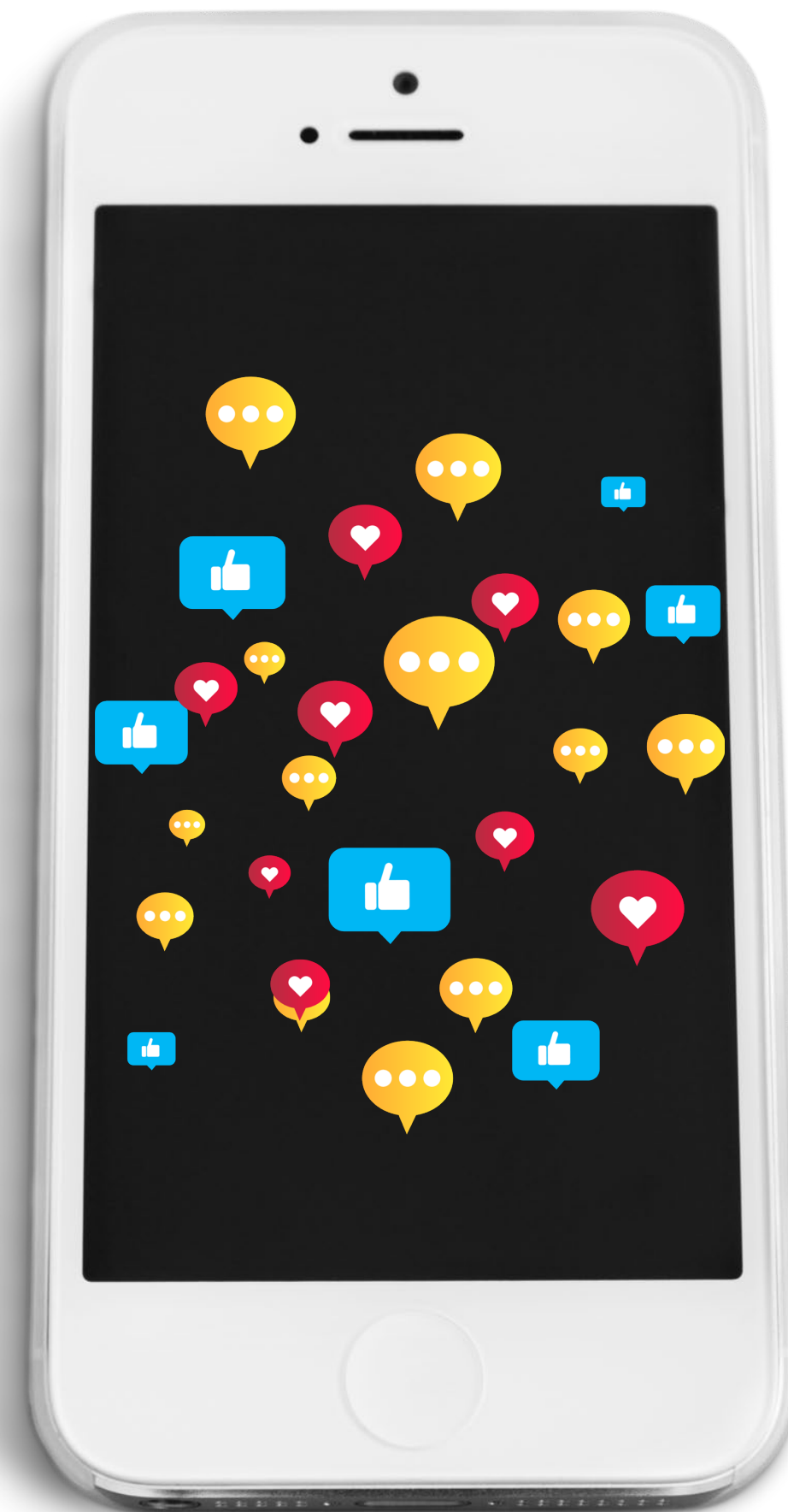
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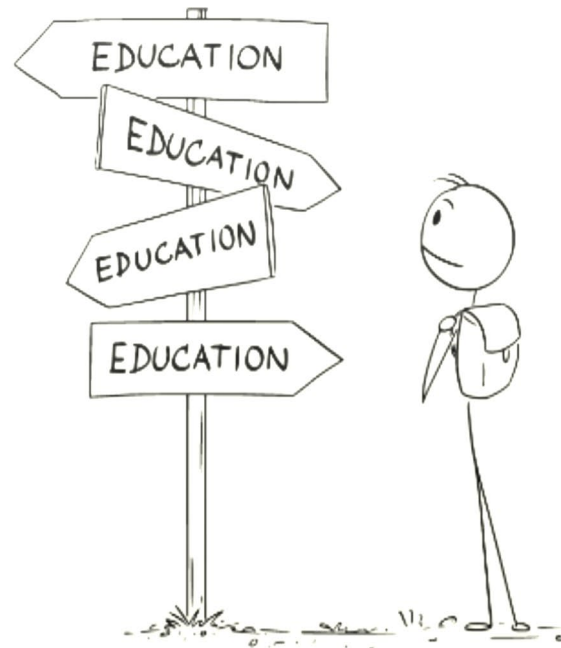
FCSUA Website Students and Families

Are you looking for college opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities? Let's help you get started.

FIND AN FPCTP 🔍

FAMILY2FAMILY 👤

PAYING FOR COLLEGE 💰



Find a Program

Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTPs) are inclusive postsecondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities that increase independent living, inclusive and experiential postsecondary education, and employment opportunities. There are more than 30 approved FPCTPs across the state.

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Family2Family

Paying For
College



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EXPLORE Going to College

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN EXPLORING INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS (IPSE)

About the Program

- Does the IPSE offer a credential that will allow me to get the job I want when I have finished the program?
- What credentials or certifications can I earn?
- What is a typical day like in the IPSE program?
- What is the tuition cost of the IPSE program?
- What does tuition include/cover?
- How many students are in the IPSE program?
- How many students will be accepted in the program this year?
- What is the process to apply for the program?
- Are there peer mentors?
- Does the program offer summer courses?

Employment

- What internships are available?
- Are these internships on-campus or off-campus?
- How does the IPSE program support me in getting a job?

Extracurricular

- What can I do when I am not in class?
- Are there groups and clubs available on-campus?
- Where do students hang out on and off campus?

Living & Getting Around

- Is on-campus housing available?
- What is the cost of on-campus housing?
- What are food options on campus?
- What types of transportation are available?
- Where are residence halls, the campus career center, library, gym, cafeteria, and game rooms located on-campus?

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MY FPCTP COLLEGE SEARCH

Use this worksheet after completing the Family2Family Toolkit: Considering and Identifying - Choices. This section of the Family2Family Toolkit helps you compare campus choices and options. This worksheet will help you decide which programs are best for you and help you remember important dates.

My Career Goal:

Name of College:

Questions:

What credentials does this college offer that I am interested in?

Will these credentials help me reach my career goal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What I liked about the program

-
-
-

What I did not like about the program

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-
-

This program is my:

☐ First Choice
☐ Second Choice
☐ Third Choice

I need to complete my application by (date):

I submitted my application on (date):

I will find out if I am accepted by (date):

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Name of College:

LOCATION	TRANSPORTATION	CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT	ADMISSIONS
The campus is located in: (city)	I will get to the campus by:	I like the culture and climate of the campus	List the admission requirements:
Campus size	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving <input type="checkbox"/> My family <input type="checkbox"/> City bus <input type="checkbox"/> Uber/Lyft service <input type="checkbox"/> Carpooling <input type="checkbox"/> Disability services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
I like the college location			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	CAMPUS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS	GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS	SOCIAL LIFE
The office for students with disabilities is located in (building):	The campus has an academic support center.	The campus has an professional groups I can join.	These are some of the social activities I can do on the campus:
I know what to bring to register for accommodations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The campus has a counseling center. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The campus has a career services center. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The campus has organizations and groups that I am interested in and can join. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
CAMPUS HOUSING	FINANCES	OTHER THINGS ABOUT THIS CAMPUS	MY QUESTIONS
This campus has the following housing options:	Tuition by credit hour is (list rate):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Live at home <input type="checkbox"/> On-campus residence halls <input type="checkbox"/> Off-campus Apartments	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA ®) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No FPCTP Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

Find An FPCTP

Family2Family Toolkit





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College Matters Florida Learning



Module 1: Secondary Student and Parent
Preparation for Inclusive Higher Education
(Awareness and Practices in K12)



Module 2: Facilitating Access to Supports for
Student Success in College for Students with
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. A
primer for college-based professionals



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A Parent's Perspective



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Resources

- FCSUA <https://fcsua.org>
 - [Find a FPCTP](#)
 - <https://bit.ly/FCSUAYouTubeFPCTPsMakeADifferencePlaylist>
 - [College Matters Learning Modules](#)

- Think College <https://thinkcollege.net>
 - [Tips for parents to help Students with ID think about college](#)
 - [Think College Publications | Think College](#)
 - [College Search | Think College](#)

- National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT) Must create a log in to access materials <https://transitionta.org>
Recommended topic: Postsecondary Education
 - [Postsecondary Education & Training Preparation Toolkit - NTACT:C \(transitionta.org\)](#)
 - [Differences Between Secondary and Postsecondary Education \(transitionta.org\)](#)
 - [Transition of Students With Disabilities To Postsecondary Education: A Guide for High School Educators](#)
- [Teaching Proximics \(Thought.co.com\)](#)

Questions, Thoughts, Ideas



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