

## **STAGES: Successful Transition After Graduating for Exceptional Students** <sup>[1]</sup>

University of South Florida - Tampa

STAGES is a partnership between the Hillsborough County Public Schools and University of South Florida's College of Education Department of Special Education. Training and support is provided to young adults with disabilities including opportunities to experience college life, explore career options, utilize public transportation, learn self-advocacy skills, interact with age-appropriate peers, and reach their potential as independent members of the community.

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### **Program Contact:**

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**This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:**

Yes

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<https://www.usf.edu/education/areas-of-study/exceptional-student-education/speci...> <sup>[3]</sup>

#### General

##### **Public or private::**

Public

##### **Type of school::**

4-year college or university

##### **Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:**

No

##### **Students in this program::**

Are still enrolled in high school

##### **Number of students::**

10

#### Affiliates

##### **School district or agency partner::**

Hillsborough County

##### **Contact person::**

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#### Requirements

##### **Requirements for admission to this program::**

- Ages 18-21, graduated from high school through access points, be able to safely navigate the campus independently.

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::**

- Intellectual disability

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

**Program length::**

2 years

Cost

**Additional costs::**

Students are responsible for uniforms, insurance, and background checks for job/career outcomes.

**Is this program able to provide federal financial aid as a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP)?:**

No

**Students pay for the program in the following ways::**

- Private pay (student and family)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Funds

Academic

**Students take these types of "typical" courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::**

Students do not take typical college courses

**Students take courses that are only for students in this program::**

Yes

**Percentage of academic time spent only with other students in this program::**

75%

**Do students earn a credential of any kind when they complete this program?:**

No

Employment

**Other career development activities are::**

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

No

Extracurricular

**Students participate in student organizations on campus::**

Yes

**Percent of social time spent only with other students in this program::**

25%

**Students have participated in these social/extracurricular activities and organizations::**

Best Buddies

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have:**

Intellectual disability

**Instructions:**

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## About

Think College is a national initiative dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving research and practice in inclusive higher education for students with intellectual disability. It is based at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston.

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