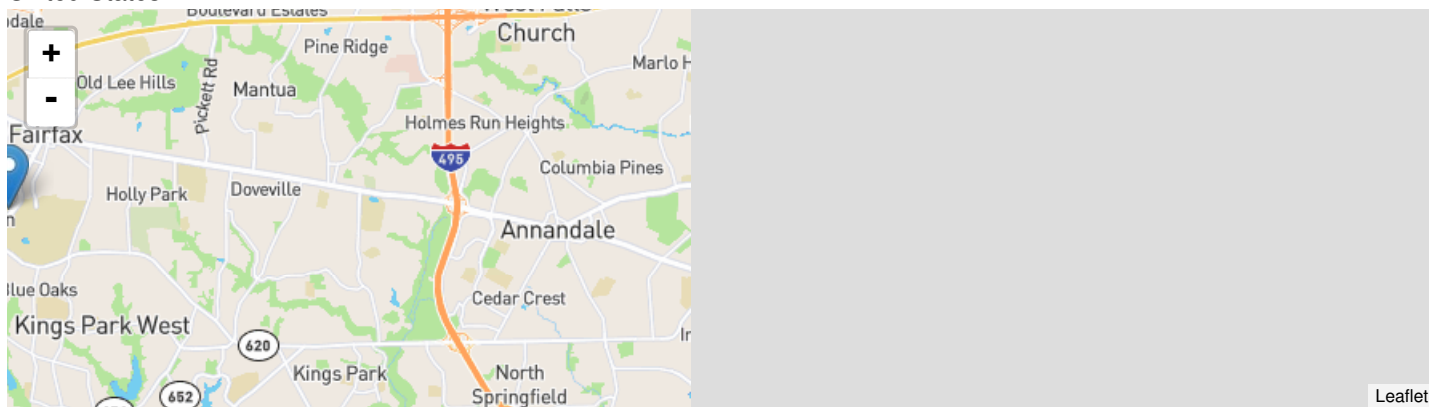


## **The Mason LIFE Program** <sup>[1]</sup>

George Mason University

The Mason LIFE Program is an innovative post-secondary program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who desire a university experience in a supportive academic environment. The mission of the Mason LIFE Program is a dual purpose: the first is to provide a supportive academic environment for our students with intellectual and developmental disabilities; the second is to supply an apprenticeship for George Mason University students.

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

No

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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::**

Have graduated or exited from high school

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

34

Requirements

### **Accepts out-of-state students?::**

Yes

### **Deadline to apply to this program::**

2/1/2021

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

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

**Program length::**

4 years

Cost

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

Yes

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

- Private pay (student and family)
- Adult intellectual/developmental disability state agency funds
- Local School District funds
- Federal Financial Aid
- Grant Funding

Academic

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

Typical college courses for audit

Typical Continuing Education courses

**More about course access::**

Students take university courses on a non-credit basis.

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

Yes

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

25%

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

Yes

**Credential(s) students earn upon completing the program::**

Certificate of completion

Employment

**Percent of students in this program have paid work while attending the program::**

0%

**Other career development activities are::**

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service

**Percent of students in this program that had paid work after exiting the program::**

2%

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

Yes

**Housing options available::**

- Inclusive on campus

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::**

Pep band, Student Council as a non-voting member, other student organizations based on self-interest

**Program serves students who have left high school?:**

Yes, all of our students have left high school

**Admission criteria (select all that apply):**

Age range (enter ages below)

**Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term:**

25.00%

**Retention rate for first year students from the previous academic year to the current one:**

88.00%

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last">Age range: 18-23</li> </ul></div>

**Is the credential IHE-approved?:**

Awarded by program, not officially recognized by the IHE

**Regular H.S. diploma required?:**

No, an IEP/non-standard diploma/certificate of attendance is accepted

**Average out-of-state tuition, current year:**

\$28600.00

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

Intellectual disability

Autism

Other disabilities

**Does this program have a working partnership with VR to provide funding, supports and/or services to students in the program?:**

No

**Are students in this program able to access support services through your IHE disability services office?:**

No

**Instructions:**

In the form below is the information that is currently listed on our website for your program. Please click on each green tab, look over all fields and change any information that needs to be updated. There is no need to save after completing each tab, but you MUST click Save at either the top or bottom of this form after going through and making any necessary changes. You can save at any time and you may save and leave and return later to make additional changes or add new information. Green check marks will appear in the tabs on the left when you have filled out all questions in a section. Please make every attempt to answer all questions--but if you can't, the form will still save and we will use the information you can provide to create your updated record.

**Date program information submitted:**

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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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