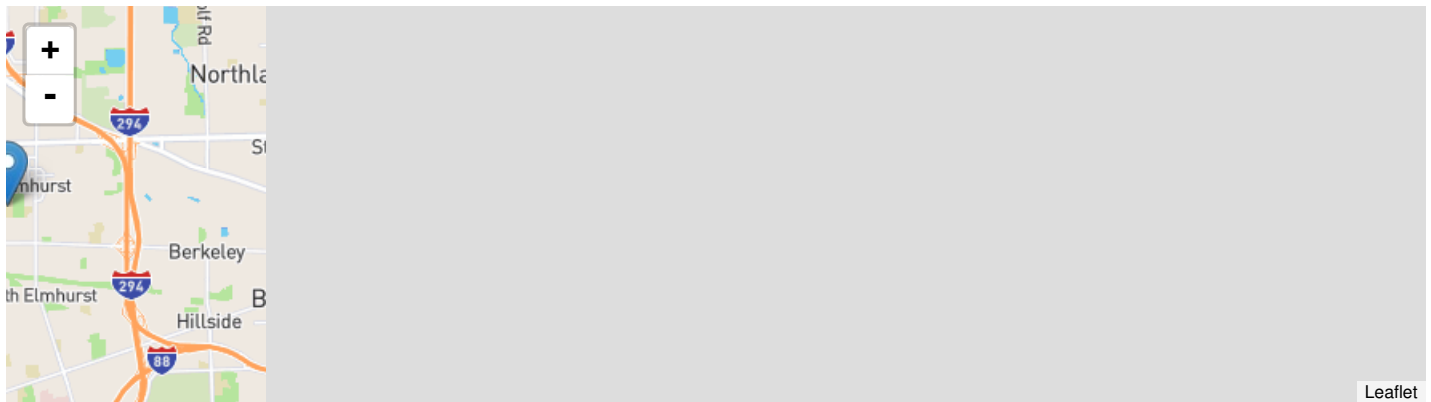


Elmhurst Learning and Success Academy (ELSA) ^[1]

Elmhurst University

A four-year program, ELSA provides a full-time, post-secondary educational experience to young adults with differing abilities. The program emphasizes three key areas: academics, work experience and social and recreational experience. Students have an inclusive college experience at Elmhurst University that includes joining clubs and organizations, living on campus, and opportunities to explore some college level course work. Our students continue to grow as individuals and build skills for lifelong-learning opportunities, with the goal to work productively and live as independently as possible.

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

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Website:

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/admission/elsa/> ^[4]

General

Public or private::

Private

Type of school::

4-year college or university

Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:

Yes

Students in this program::

Have graduated or exited from high school

Number of students::

50

Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?:

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

Generally January 15 each year, but accept on a rolling basis until full

Link to admissions process::

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/admission/elsa/admission-requirements/> ^[5]

Requirements for admission to this program::

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Percent of students applying who are admitted::

Retention rate::

Program length::

4 years

Cost

Additional costs::

\$15.00

Students who live on campus are required to have a life coach. Parents will pay this life coach \$15 per hour 3 - 5 hours per week.

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)
- Scholarships
- Federal Financial Aid

Scholarships available::

Elmhurst University offers a number of grants to qualified students. Details on current grant programs are available upon request and are included in the ELSA program guide.

Links to scholarship information::

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/admission/financial-aid/tuition-fees/elsa-costs/> ^[6]

Academic

Students enrolled in this program take the following types of inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::

Typical college courses for credit

Typical college courses for audit

More about course access::

After completing their first year, students can participate in elective University courses on a pass/no pass basis. Either to supplement their education or to pursue a certificate of specialization. For this certificate, students select four Elmhurst University courses over two years from various areas of interest. Past areas have included English, Business, Art, Music, Theater, Geography and

Information Technology. The courses can include two introduction and two advanced courses, and are determined on a case-by-case basis, with the help of the associate director and approval of the department chair. Students may consider enrolling in the ELSA+ program, taking Elmhurst University courses for credit. Upon completion, students will receive an Elmhurst University transcript that may be used to transfer as a dual-enrolled degree student at Elmhurst University. It is recommended ELSA+ students take one college course for credit in addition to three ELSA courses. ELSA+ students will have access to standard college accommodations and must demonstrate academic ability and sufficient independence. Before enrolling in ELSA+, students must complete at least one semester of the ELSA program. Course selections will be approved on a case-by-case basis by ELSA advising staff.

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

Yes

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::

70%

Other career development activities are::

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service
- Work Study

Additional information about career development and work experience::

Career Development and work experience are core experiences in the ELSA program, particularly in the last two years of the program. The average student will typically complete 3 or 4 internships both on campus and off campus over the course of the junior and senior year preferably paid. In the curriculum career exploration course work exists in all four years of the program.

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

Yes

Housing options available::

- Inclusive on campus
- Inclusive off campus

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

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

ELSA students have participated in a number of Elmhurst University clubs and organizations including; Cheer leading, Relay for Life, Best Buddies, TaeKwanDo Club, Special Olympics, various choirs, bands, involvement with Elmhurst Theater and Elmhurst University radio. Beginning in 2018 ELSA students have participated in Elmhurst University athletics including; cross country, golf, track and field and football.

Program serves students who have left high school?:

Yes, all of our students have left high school

Admission criteria (select all that apply):

Specific age range (enter ages below)

Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term::

80.00%

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

95.00%

Criteria for admission:

<div class="item-list"><li class="first last">Age range: 18 - 28 to begin the program </div>

Is the credential approved by the college/university?:

Awarded by program, not officially recognized by the IHE

Regular high school diploma required?:

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

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

\$37444.00

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have:

Intellectual disability

Autism

Other than the credential listed above, can students earn any other credentials that are available to all students?:

Certificate of Specialization

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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Do all students in this program enroll in at least one inclusive college/university course for credit or audit each semester?:

No

Remote learning at your program:

Students are not permitted to take courses via remote learning

Percentage of academic time spent in inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::

75-99%

Students in the program have access to the following campus-wide services::

Health services

Access to a transcript via the registrar

Students participate in these campus-wide events::

College/University's Student orientation

College/University's Family orientation

College/University's Graduation

Students may participate in the following extra-curricular activities:

Registered student organizations

Student government

Club sports

Campus events

Study abroad

Fraternities/sororities

Program length::

4 years

Describe remote learning at your program:

<div class="item-list"><li class="first last">Students are not permitted to take courses via remote learning </div>

Percentage of social time spent in inclusive activities (open to all students on campus)::

100%

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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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