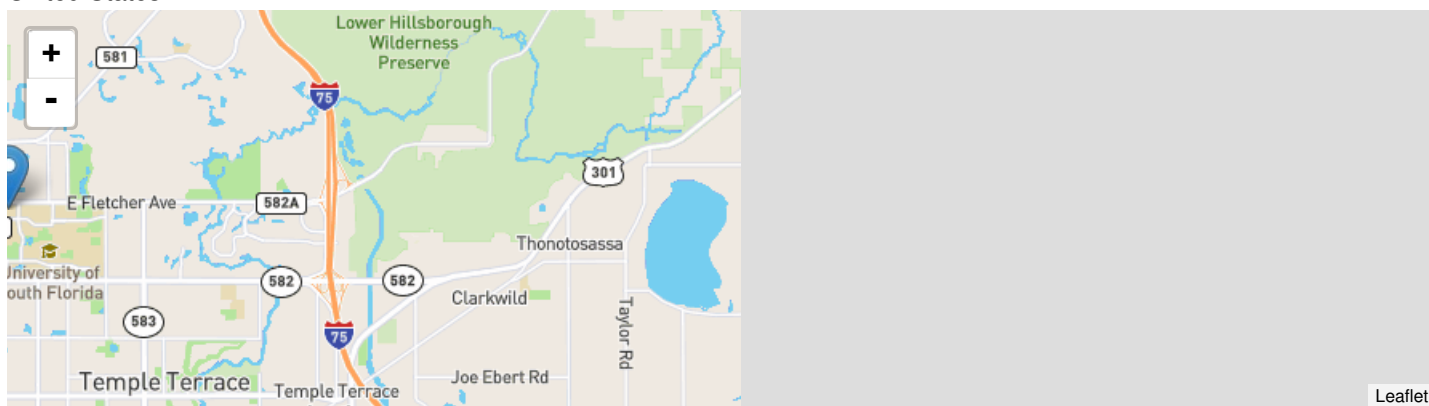


## The Learning Academy at USF <sup>[1]</sup>

University of South Florida

The Learning Academy at the University of South Florida is a thirty-week, two-semester transitional program designed to help students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (who may also have an intellectual disability) to achieve a life of opportunity, independence and success. Both students interested in seeking employment and students interested in continuing their education are eligible to apply. The intent of the program is to build and enhance skills that will prepare students for the world of work or to further their education in a college or university setting. Each course is structured to prepare students for the future in an educationally challenging environment, with the provision of support and services that will facilitate success and provide the building blocks for future goal attainment. Regardless of whether the student's focus is employment or higher education, skill development in the areas of self knowledge, organization, time management, goal setting, conflict resolution and community contribution will be emphasized. Please note that applications are due by MARCH 1 of each year for students who wish to attend the following August.

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

No

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<http://learningacademy.fmhi.usf.edu> <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::

Have graduated or exited from high school

#### Requirements

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

Yes

##### Link to admissions process::

<http://learningacademy.fmhi.usf.edu/academy.html> <sup>[4]</sup>

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

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

**Program length::**  
1 year

Cost

**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
- Scholarships
  
- Florida Prepaid

**Scholarships available::**

Gardiner Scholarship, Able United, Jan La Belle Scholarship

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

**We offer the following specialized credentials::**

Each internship is individualized to the student based on their career interest

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

No

Extracurricular

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

No

**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)

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last">Age range: 18-25</li> </ul></div>

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

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

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

Intellectual disability

Autism

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

Yes

**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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