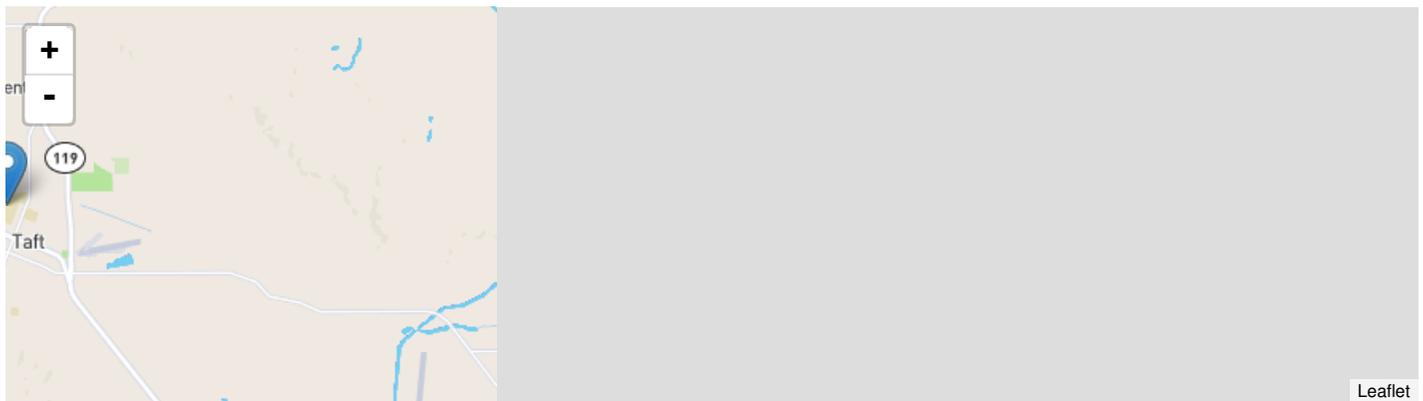


Transition to Independent Living (TIL) Program ^[1]

Taft College

The Transition to Independent Living Program (TIL) is a post-secondary educational experience for adults with developmental disabilities that also offers a residential experience. The program provides instruction, training, and support on a community college campus. The program is comprehensive, with curriculum and training that promotes acquisition of the functional, social, and career skills necessary for students to live a productive lifestyle. TIL began in August 1995, with funding from Kern Regional Center. Taft has offered programs and special classes serving individuals with developmental disabilities since 1976. Staff for the TIL program include administrative, certificate and classified staff. The program maintains a staff ratio of 3:1 and is staffed seven days a week. Instructional hours may vary – a student's TC/TIL classes may begin at 7 a.m. and may end at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students are responsible for paying a dorm rental fee which includes meals served in the Taft College cafeteria and all utilities except telephone. Each student has their own dorm room that is supplied with a single bed, 2 dressers, storage area, and a desk. Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms for comfort and style. The students participate in the program an 22 months. The program runs from August 1 through June 30. Staff works with each student to establish realistic short-and long-term goals. Individual Program Plans (IPP's) are then written with the Regional Center to assist students in attaining these goals. Students are eligible for graduation when they complete the required course work and independently demonstrate the learned skills. At that time, the transition team staff assists graduates in transitioning into an independent living situation in their home community. The TIL program tracks graduates for a 10 year period to assess student outcomes.

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Program Contact:

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

Program Email:

intake@taftcollege.edu ^[2]

Email:



Public or private::

Public

Type of school::

2-year community college or junior college

Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:

Yes

Students in this program::

Have graduated or exited from high school

Number of students::

27

Affiliates

School district or agency partner::

West Kern Community College District (WKCCD)

Contact person::

Aaron Markovits

Email::

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Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?::

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

None Applications Accepted Year Round

Link to admissions process::

<https://www.taftcollege.edu/til/applying-to-the-program/> ^[5]

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Program length::

2 years

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)
- Scholarships
- Adult intellectual/developmental disability state agency funds

Scholarships available::

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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::

Students are required to take at least two college classes as part of the Program the first semester of their freshman year.

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?:

No

Employment

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

100%

Other career development activities are::

- None

Additional information about career development and work experience:

Other than paid work, all students participate in a career education academic seminar our staff teaches that covers soft skills needed to obtain and keep a job.

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

Yes

Housing options available::

- Specialized on campus
- Specialized off campus

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

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

Students join clubs they are interested in. Clubs available to join include: Best Buddies, Role Playing Club, Spectrum, Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, Associated Student Organization, Early Childhood Education.

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:

74.00%

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

72.00%

Criteria for admission:

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

Regular H.S. diploma required?:

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

Average out-of-state tuition, current year:

\$0.00

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?:

<p>Yes. Students are encouraged to take community college level classes while they are here. They may receive an AA/AS Degree, Certificate in various CTE subjects, or take classes for enrichment. Students who choose to may also take training from the Adult Education program in Taft that offers relevant vocational training programs for community members at no charge. Review course offerings at www.taftcollege.edu ^[6] to see the programs available to students.</p>

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?:

Yes

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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