

ACCESS MS State ^[1]

Mississippi State University

ACCESS at Mississippi State University promotes successful transition of students with intellectual disabilities into higher education. ACCESS (Academics, Campus Life, Community Involvement, Employment Opportunities, Socialization, and Self-Awareness) provides inclusive opportunities for diverse learners to realize their full potential with appropriate supports for academic and social success. ACCESS students participate in university catalog courses, live in on-campus residential housing, engage in professional internships, and enjoy an active social life with friends. ACCESS is designed to reduce the amount of support needed by the student as he or she progresses through the program and into the world of independence. Upon completing the four-year ACCESS program, students will receive a Certificate of Completion and will participate in MSU's graduation ceremonies.

In addition to our on-campus program, ACCESS also offers online personal enrichment courses that serve as educational programming for those who would benefit from developing their functional life skills. Our online courses are based on our on-campus courses and are excellent for students at transition age (14+) through adulthood, whether they are working toward applying for a post-secondary transition program or growing independent living skills and identifying future career paths. There is no application or interview process required to enroll. For more information or to register, please visit our website: www.access.msstate.edu/online-education ^[2].

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

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Website:

<http://www.access.msstate.edu> ^[5]

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::

26

Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?:

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

October 1 - December 1

Link to admissions process::

<https://www.access.msstate.edu/apply> ^[6]

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Program length::

4 years

Cost

Additional costs::

Meal Plan = \$1,875-\$2,019

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::

- Vocational Rehabilitation Funds
- Scholarships
- Federal Financial Aid

Academic

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

Typical college courses for audit

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::

Mississippi State University Certificate of Completion

Employment

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

30%

Other career development activities are::

- Internships
- Community Service

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

60%

Additional information about career development and work experience::

Every student has an internship each semester except for the fall of the freshman year

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

Yes

Housing options available::

- Inclusive on campus

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

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

Greek Life, Special Olympics College, Faith-based organizations

Facebook:

[link to program Facebook page](#) ⁽⁷⁾

Program serves students who have left high school?:

Yes, all of our students have left high school

Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term::

64.00%

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

100.00%

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::

\$8750.00

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?:

Yes

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:

2021-02-25 10:32:56

Contacts

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About

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