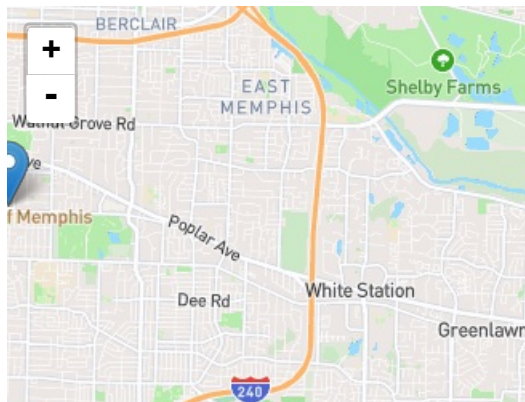


## **TigerLIFE: Learning Independence Fostering Employment and Education** <sup>[1]</sup>

The University of Memphis

The University of Memphis TigerLIFE Postsecondary Education Program is a 60-hour program culminating in a completion award in Career and Community Studies. Participation in the Tiger LIFE program allows students to continue their education beyond high school to increase employment opportunities. At the heart of TigerLIFE is a person-centered planning model that uses the Systems Approach to Placement. The Inclusive Higher Education (IHE) program provides individualized Programs of Study in the areas of academic, social, vocational, and independence for students ages 18-29 with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). TigerLIFE is a federally recognized Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP). The TigerLIFE program is administered by the University of Memphis Institute on Disability (UMID) whose purpose is to assist people with physical and developmental disabilities in finding meaningful Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and serves as a community rehabilitation provider (CRP) for the mid-south region. Collaborating with Vocational Rehabilitation agencies in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

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

No

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<http://www.memphis.edu/tigerlife> <sup>[4]</sup>

General

**Public or private::**

Public

**Type of school::**

4-year college or university

**Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:**

No

**Number of students::**

20

**Affiliates****School district or agency partner::**

State of Tennessee Department of Human Services. School Districts in West Tennessee, East Arkansas, North Mississippi

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

Yes

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

May 1 for Fall Semester. October 1 for Spring Semester

**Link to admissions process::**

<https://www.memphis.edu/tigerlife/application/index.php> <sup>[5]</sup>

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

- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- Developmental disabilities

**Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates****Program length::**

2 years

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2 years

Varies from student to student

**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)
- Tuition Waivers
- 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

**More about course access::**

Person-centered approach to the student's educational goals.

**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::**

Career and Community Studies.

Employment

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

50%

**Other career development activities are::**

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service

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

70%

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

No

Extracurricular

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

Yes

**Facebook:**

[link to program Facebook page](#) <sup>[6]</sup>

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

Yes, all of our students have left high school

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

Age 18 or older

Specific age range (enter ages below)

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

100.00%

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

100.00%

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first"> Student must be 18 or older</li> <li class="last">Age range: 18-29</li> </ul></div>

**Is the credential approved by the college/university?:**

Yes, this credential has been through a formal approval process at 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::**

\$7975.00

**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?:**

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

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

50-74%

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

Career services

Disability/accessibility services

Academic tutoring services

Health services

Academic advising services (not program staff)

Mental health/counseling services

**Students participate in these campus-wide events::**

College/University's Graduation

**Students may participate in the following extra-curricular activities:**

Registered student organizations

Student government

Club sports

Campus events

Fraternities/sororities

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

75-99%

**Planned program length:**

2 years

Varies from student to student

## Contacts

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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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