LEAP: Leveraging Education for Advancement Program

Albany Technical College

The Leveraging Education for Advancement Program (LEAP) at Albany Technical College (ATC) is for highly motivated students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Student programming is based on the strengths and needs of the individual student identified through the development of a Person-Centered Plan. Currently, LEAP students can earn a Business Office Assistant certificate. Additional certificate will be added effective August 2020. All courses are taught by ATC faculty who are dedicated to teaching and preparing all students. Courses are offered on the Albany Tech campus where LEAP students have the opportunity to take courses alongside other college students. Graduates earning the Business Office Assistant certificate are prepared to perform a variety of duties in any office clerical occupation that requires knowledge of office systems and procedures. Along with taking credit classes, students have the opportunity to participate in career development workshops, social community integration, job shadowing, and internships. In addition to gaining new skills and training, each student is matched with a trained mentor to help build the college campus experience and meet academic requirements. LEAP students can enjoy the full college experience by participating in college activities, clubs, and organizations that are available to all ATC students.

Applicants should demonstrate the following minimal requirements:

- Minimum fifth grade reading level preferred.
- Possess basic mathematics skills and the ability to use a calculator.
- **Demonstrated ability to maintain appropriate social and emotional behavior.**
- Ability to meet personal needs without assistance.
- Must be able to navigate the campus independently and safely.
- Desire and motivation to complete a postsecondary program.
- Commitment to complete all assignments with or without supports.
- Ability to be successful in competitive employment situations.
- Served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Active placement in a Vocational Rehabilitation program is strongly recommended.

This program supports only transition students from certain districts:

No

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Public

Type of school::
Technical or vocational/trade school

Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:
Yes

Students in this program::
Have graduated or exited from high school
Are still enrolled in high school

Number of students::
8

Description of our summer transition program::

Transition Extreme Summit is a summer transition program for middle and high school students with disabilities. The Summit provides a wide range of information on transition to post-secondary education and employment. The workshops cover topics on opportunities after high school, self-advocacy and leadership, vocational rehabilitation services, life choices, how to apply for post-secondary education, disability laws, and assistive technology options.

Affiliates

School district or agency partner::
Dougherty County School System

Contact person::
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Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?::
No

Deadline to apply to this program::
LEAP admission application deadlines coincide with college admission deadlines.

Link to admissions process::
https://www.albanytech.edu/admissions/student-affairs/leap?showall=&start=1

Requirements for admission to this program::

- Other diploma (e.g., IEP diploma, certificate of attendance)
- 18 and older
- Student must be a resident of the state where the program is located

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Percent of students applying who are admitted::
100%

Retention rate::
100%

Program length::
Varies from student to student

Cost

Cost of the program::
Tuition varies based on the number of credit hours. In-state tuition is $89 per credit hour. Courses are two to four credit hours. The Student Fees total of $288 include: • Activity fee-$24 • Registration fee-$50 • Student Insurance-$6 • Athletic fee-$23 • Technology fee-$105 • Instructional fee-$55 • Campus Safety fee-$24

Additional costs::
$170.00
Books-average semester cost for one book

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)
Vocational Rehabilitation Funds
Scholarships
Adult intellectual/developmental disability state agency funds
Local School District funds
Grant Funding

Scholarships available:

The Bagwell Family Scholarship funds are donated to Albany Technical College on behalf of American Proteins. This scholarship is to help students in close proximity to their business fund their education. The use of funds is generally restricted to books, tuition, and/or fees. Funds are dispersed directly to Albany Tech on behalf of the student.

Academic

Students take these types of "typical" courses (with students who don't have disabilities):
Typical college courses for credit

Time spent only with other students in this program:
Less than 25% of the time

Do students earn a credential of any kind when they complete this program?:
Yes

Credential(s) students earn upon completing the program:
Business Office Assistant Certificate

The credential(s) is/are:
Approved by Institute of Higher Education
Just for students in this program

Employment

Percent of students in this program have paid work while attending the program:
0%

Other career development activities are:

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service

Percent of students in this program that had paid work after exiting the program:
0%

We offer the following specialized credentials:

Upon successful completion of the program, LEAP students earn a Business Office Assistant Certificate. The program of study prepares students to work in a variety of office settings.

Housing

Housing is provided to students:
No

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus:
Yes

Proportion of time spent only with other students in this program:
Less than 25%

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

Along with taking credit classes, students participate in a variety of activities. LEAP students, along with other college students, participate in employability skills workshops and seminars hosted by the Career Services Center. Students have learned how to be successful college students by participating in a Student Success Seminar and have joined the Fellowship for Christian Students organization. Students hang out in the Titan Cafe' located in the Student Center.

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?: 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.

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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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