

## **Community Connection Program** <sup>[1]</sup>

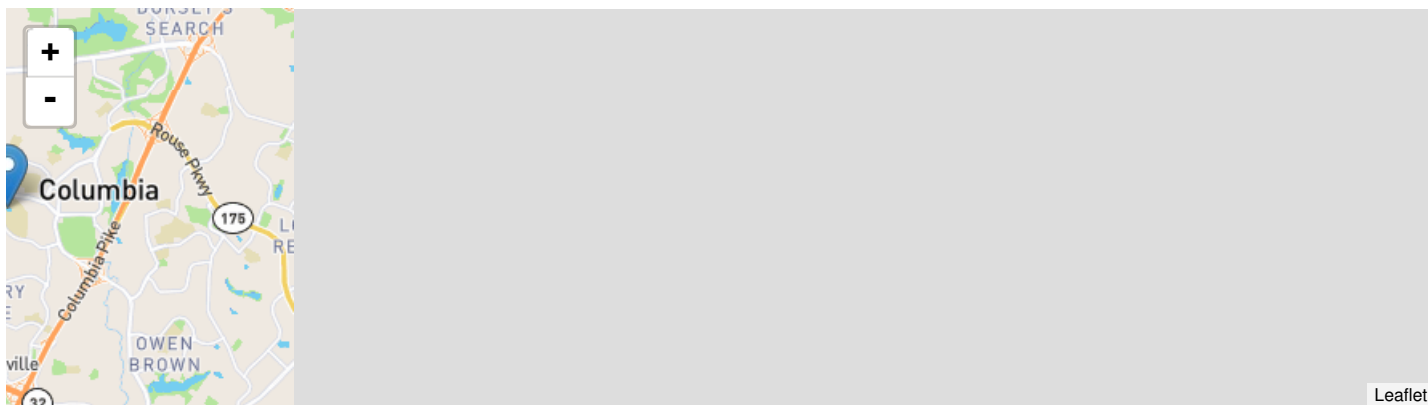
Howard Community College

A Howard County Public School Systems vocational and life skills program supporting students aged 18-21.

Community Connection eases the transition to independent adult life for transition-aged students with mild to moderate disabilities. The program, located on the Howard Community College campus, helps students develop the skills essential for success in work, social, and community environments. Skills addressed: Finding employment. Workplace skills. Financial literacy (money management, budgeting, and shopping). Appropriate behavior in work and social settings. Navigating independently. Self advocacy. Recreation and leisure. Students sharpen these skills while working and functioning in the community, with guidance and support from Community Connections staff.

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

Yes  
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#### General

##### **Public or private::**

Public

##### **Type of school::**

2-year community college or junior college

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

No

##### **Students in this program::**

Are still enrolled in high school

##### **Number of students::**

26

#### Affiliates

##### **School district or agency partner::**

Howard

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Requirements

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

No

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

Spring of each year

**Requirements for admission to this program::**

- 18-21
- Student must be a resident of the state where the program is located
- Student must be enrolled in a particular school system/local educational agency

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

- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- Other Health Impaired, Multiple Disabilities

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

**Percent of students applying who are admitted::**

94%

**Retention rate::**

100%

**Program length::**

Varies from student to student

Cost

**Cost of the program::**

The Community Connections Program is a Howard County Public Schools Vocational/life skills program located on the Howard Community College campus.

**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::**

- Local School District funds

**Scholarships available::**

This program is for certificate students enrolled in the public school system until age 21.

Academic

**Students take these types of "typical" courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::**

Students do not take typical college courses

**More about course access::**

The majority of our students do not take typical college courses; however whenever possible students may take typical college courses for audit.

**Students take courses that are only for students in this program::**

Yes

**Time spent only with other students in this program::**

About 75% 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::**

High School Certificate of Completion

**The credential(s) is/are::**

Just for students in this program

Employment

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

2%

**Other career development activities are::**

- Volunteer work

- Work Study

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

5%

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

Childcare Aide certification

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::**

25%

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

Anime Club, Volunteer Girls Soccer team manager's assistant.

**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?:**

No

**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.

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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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