

## **Think Cardinal** <sup>[1]</sup>

Saginaw Valley State University

Think Cardinal is an inclusive program that is intended to provide higher education experiences for people with intellectual disabilities. At SVSU, the Think Cardinal program lists the major as “Exploring the University” and its transcript group is audit (AU). Think Cardinal students can receive a Certificate of Completion after amassing 30 credits. These credits come from the academic courses they take, their participation in co-curricular activities, and 2 internships. By participating in each of these three areas, the students may acquire a holistic understanding of what it means to be a college student. Students interested in enrolling need to have a higher level of independence. Conditions for participation in the Think Cardinal program include regular attendance in class, completion of assignments, regular attendance at the student’s internship, and engaging in co-curricular activities. In doing so, the students earn a Certificate of Completion and the opportunity to walk at Commencement.

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

No

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<https://www.svsu.edu/admissions/otheradmissions/thinkcardinal//> <sup>[3]</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::**

2

Requirements

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

Yes

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

July 1 prior to the start of the student's first year.

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

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

**Notes on acceptance and attendance::**

The program was not in session during the 21-22 academic year due to COVID restrictions.

**Program length::**

Varies from student to student

**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)
- Grant Funding

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

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

Yes

**Credential(s) students earn upon completing the program::**

Certificate of Completion

Employment

**Other career development activities are::**

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service
- Work Study

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

No

Extracurricular

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

Yes

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

Students have participated in marching band, flag football, peer mentoring programs, theatre, and more...all SVSU student organizations are open to the Think Cardinal students.

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

Yes, all of our students have left high school

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

Specific age range (enter ages below)

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last">Age range: 18-26</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

**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?:**

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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**Do all students in this program enroll in at least one inclusive college/university course for credit or audit each semester?:**

No

**Remote learning at your program:**

Students are not permitted to take courses via remote learning

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

100%

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

Career services

Disability/accessibility services  
Academic tutoring services  
Access to a transcript via the registrar  
Academic advising services (not program staff)

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

College/University's Student orientation  
College/University's Family orientation  
College/University's Graduation

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

Registered student organizations  
Student government  
Club sports  
Campus events  
Study abroad  
Fraternities/sororities

**Describe remote learning at your program:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last">Students are not permitted to take courses via remote learning</li> </ul></div>

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

100%

**Planned program length:**

2 years

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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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