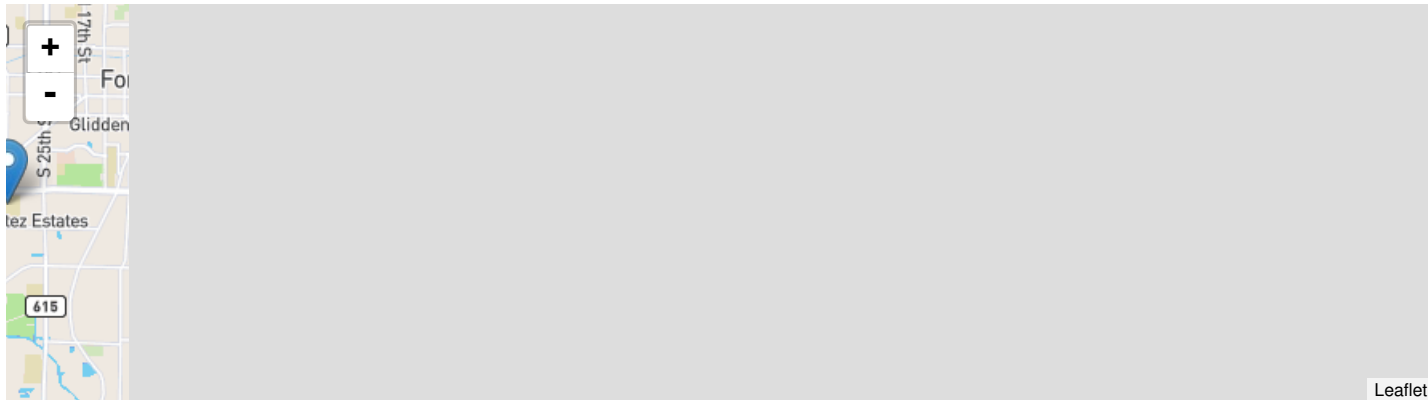


Project STAGE ^[1]

Indian River State College

Project STAGE (Students Transitioning to Academic & Gainful Employment) supports students with intellectual disabilities (ID) while they pursue education and employment in their chosen occupation. Students receive academic training; job shadowing opportunities; internships; inclusive classes; joining student clubs & organizations; attending campus events and building relationships with IRSC student mentors.

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

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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::

12

Description of our summer transition program::

Summer session will cover topics of wellness (personal health, nutrition & physical fitness); transportation access (safely & independently accessing and traveling using public transportation); career readiness (job seeking skills, resume & interviews) and financial readiness (income and expenditures, budgeting and savings).

Affiliates

School district or agency partner::

St. Lucie School District

Contact person::

Lesa Kitzmiller

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Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?::

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

May 22 of each year

Requirements for admission to this program::

- Regular high school diploma
- Other diploma (e.g., IEP diploma, certificate of attendance)
- Students must be able travel/navigate independently while on campus; have transportation to & from college; have a checking account and a cell phone; and be able to communicate with/without assistive technology.

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- Language Impaired, Speech Impaired

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Percent of students applying who are admitted::

32%

Retention rate::

inf%

Program length::

2 years

Cost

Cost of the program::

Additional costs::

\$1,920.00

Books and tools between \$800 and \$1200 per year. Meals per semester \$720.00

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
- Grant Funding

Scholarships available::

Florida Prepaid College Program; Scholarships from the Grant at University of Central Florida - Unique Abilities

Academic

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

Typical college courses for credit

Typical Continuing Education courses

More about course access::

Students are enrolled in the career training programs.

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

Yes

Percentage of academic time spent only with other students in this program::

Between 50% and 75%

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

Yes

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

a variety of certificates, based on the path chosen by the student

Employment

Employment

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

15%

Other career development activities are::

- Internships
- Volunteer work

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

0%

We offer the following specialized credentials::

<p>OCA A: Information Technology Assistant Certificate; Specialized Career Education, Basic Certificate; IRSC Certificate for Transition to College/Employability & Career Exploration with Job Shadowing; OCP A: Basic Healthcare Worker Certificate; OCP B: Nurse Aide and Orderly Certificate; 40 Hour Statewide Child Care Certificate; OCP A: Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Helper Certificate; OCP A: Automobile Service Assistor Certificate; OCP B: Front Desk Specialist Certificate; plus can choose from other certificate programs</p>

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

No

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

Percent of social time spent only with other students in this program::

75%

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

Students will join a campus club; have peer mentors; and attend campus activities and events.

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have:

Intellectual disability

Autism

Other disabilities

Other than the credential listed above, can students earn any other credentials that are available to all students?:

<p>CPR Certification</p>

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

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