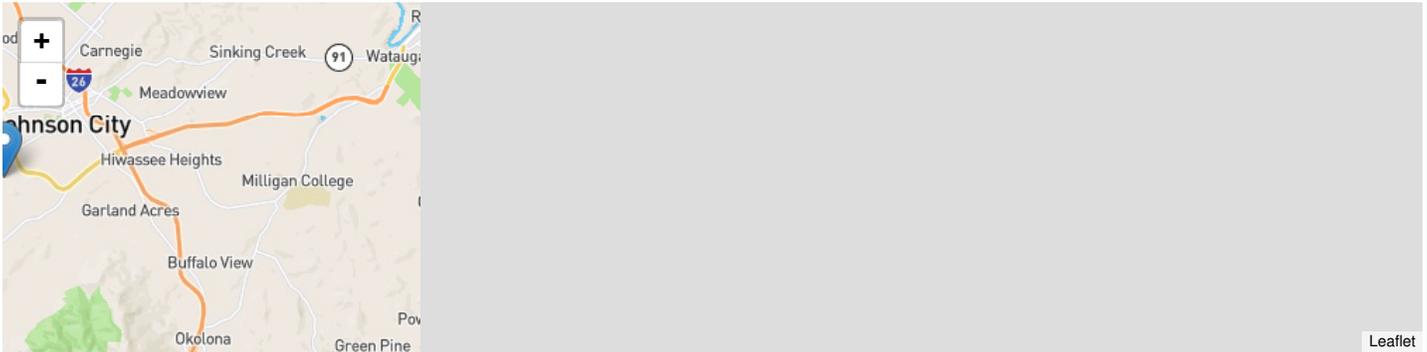


Access ETSU ^[1]

East Tennessee State University

East Tennessee State University - Clemmer College's Access ETSU is a two-year, undergraduate, non-degree program for young adults with a documented intellectual or developmental disability who seek to enhance their academic, career development, and social skills and experiences alongside their same-age peers at East Tennessee State University (ETSU). Access ETSU serves students with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities ages 18-25 who have graduated from their high school and/or exited special education services. Beyond the academic coursework, the broader curriculum for students in the Access ETSU program also includes experiences designed to support their goals for integrated social experiences, employment skills, and adult living opportunities and experiences.

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

Program Email:

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Phone:

423-439-7171

Website:

<https://www.etsu.edu/coe/access/> ^[3]

General

Public or private::

Public

Type of school::

4-year college or university

Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:

Yes

Students in this program::

Have graduated or exited from high school

Number of students::

2

Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?::

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

Rolling admission

Link to admissions process::

<https://www.etsu.edu/coe/access/apply.php> ^[4]

Requirements for admission to this program::

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- Any intellectual or developmental disabilities

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Notes on acceptance and attendance::

We had capacity to take on one more student in Fall 2020 and we had three applicants.

Program length::

2 years

Cost

Tuition amount::

Program specific fees::

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
- Federal Financial Aid
- Grant Funding
- Medicaid Waiver or Day Habilitation funds
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR): funding for active Vocational Rehabilitation clients who receive Transitional Learning Services are currently awarded \$3,000 per semester for 4 semesters.
<http://tennessee.gov/humanserv/rehab/vrs.html>. INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES- an option for ECF (Employment and Community First Choices) recipient funds for the reimbursement of college expenses (i.e. tuition, books, transportation), up to \$500 per year. The Managed Care Organization is the responsible party to authorize a service for a member based on their needs and assessment.
<https://www.tn.gov/didd/employment-and-community-first-choices.html> 529 College Savings Plans: For more information visit: Families can set up an account for their child with I/DD or utilize funds saved for another child
https://www.tnstars.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=529%20college%20savings%20plan&utm_campaign=General PRIVATE Loan options- Students can explore other private loan options (e.g., Sallie Mae:
<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/parent-loan/>

Scholarships available::

Haley Elise Van Pelt Scholarship: scholarship has been established to benefit students of any age seeking post-secondary education who have a permanent intellectual or developmental disability and/or functional impairment: <http://www.etf.org/scholarships> ^[5] Tennessee Higher Education Commission: TN Step-Up Scholarship is a program designed to assist students with intellectual disabilities who have completed high school and enroll in an individualized program of study of up to four (4) years at an eligible postsecondary institution <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college/state-of-tennessee-prog...> ^[6] PRIVATE and NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIPS- Students and families should explore scholarship opportunities through their communities, local agencies, and diagnosis-related organizations. Past students have received \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships from their church families, The Arc, Ruby's Rainbow, Down Syndrome Associations, Williams Syndrome Association and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

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

Typical college courses for audit

More about course access::

Any courses available in the ETSU undergraduate course catalog are available to Access ETSU students.

<https://catalog.etsu.edu/> ^[7]

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

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

Yes

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

Access ETSU Program Certificate

Employment

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

100%

Other career development activities are::

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service
- Work Study

Additional information about career development and work experience:

Person-centered process, based around student interest

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::

Faith-based organizations, athletics and recreation, clubs, sporting events, movie nights, goat yoga, succulent planting, pumpkin carving, swimming, concerts, camping, outdoor recreation and whatever they want to do that the university has to offer.

Facebook:

[link to program Facebook page](#) ^[8]

Program serves students who have left high school?:

Yes, all of our students have left high school

Admission criteria (select all that apply):

Age range (enter ages below)

Other

Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term:

33.00%

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

100.00%

Criteria for admission:

<div class="item-list"><li class="first">Age range: 18-28 <li class="last">Students must have an intellectual disability and a personal desire to continue their education at the university level and want to expand their employment prospects </div>

Is the credential IHE-approved?:

Awarded by program, not officially recognized by the IHE

Regular H.S. 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

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?:

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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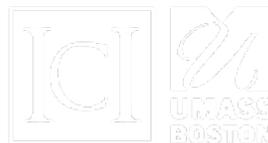
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About

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.

Social



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- [1] <https://thinkcollege.net/programs/access-etsu>
- [2] <mailto:accessETSU@etsu.edu>
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