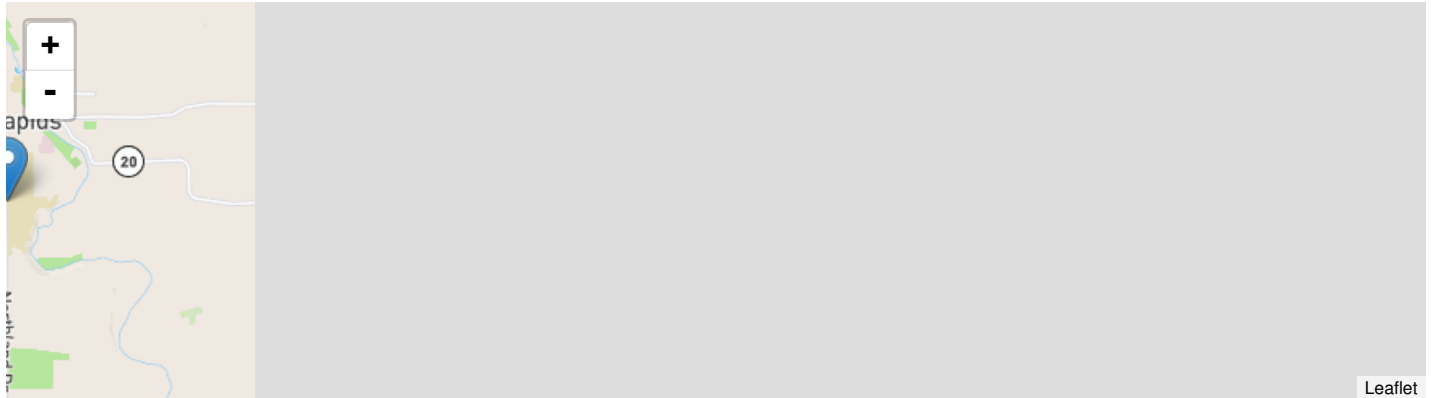


Ready For Life at Ferris State University (RFLA@FSU) ^[1]

Ferris State University

Through a partnership at Ferris State University, Ready For Life Academy (RFLA) has a local presence on Big Rapids, Michigan. This provides post-secondary educational experiences for college-aged individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities. Each student begins the program by building a student-centered learning plan to develop realistic learning objectives and identify areas of natural talent to be further developed. Based on the student's interests and abilities the college or university may offers credit or non-credit earning classes which are intentionally selected for the RFLA students to attend. The curriculum used at RFLA focuses on transition skills to help students gain independence and job skills. RFLA provides support systems to ensure each student is provided the resources they need to succeed in a college environment. Each of our instructors at RFLA is engaged to assist each student in daily personal planning, and partners with Ferris State University professors to adapt the academic materials from the college courses each student is taking. College students also volunteer as academic and social peer partners as additional support. RFLA students are provided the opportunity to participate in campus activities and attend sporting events free of charge, with a level of support system.

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

No

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Website:

<https://rflnetwork.org/ready-for-life-academy/> ^[4]

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

Are still enrolled in high school

Number of students::

12

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

Yes

Deadline to apply to this program::

December 15

Link to admissions process::

<https://rflnetwork.org/ready-for-life-academy/> ^[4]

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates**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)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Funds
- Scholarships
- Grant Funding

Scholarships available::

We have a tuition assistance fund that students can apply for. We also have \$1,000/year scholarship in memory of a past student.

Academic**Students enrolled in this program take the following types of inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::**

Typical college courses for audit

More about course access::

Students take 6-8 audit credits/semester and 10 Ready For Life credits/semester.

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

certificate from Ready For Life and a transcript from Ferris State University.

Employment

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

100%

Other career development activities are::

- Work Study

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

0%

Additional information about career development and work experience::

Each semester students have a job internship.

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

Yes

Housing options available::

- Inclusive on campus

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

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

Students can participate in all campus activities, clubs and organizations.

Program serves students who have left high school?:

Yes, all of our students have left high school

Admission criteria (select all that apply):

Age 18 or older

Specific age range (enter ages below)

Other

Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term::

90.00%

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

83.00%

Criteria for admission:

<div class="item-list"><li class="first"> Student must be 18 or older Age range: 18-26 <li class="last"><p>Third Grade Comprehensive Reading Level, Second Grade Math Computation Skills</p> </div>

Is the credential approved by the college/university?:

Awarded by program, not officially recognized by the IHE

Regular high school diploma required?:

No, an IEP/non-standard diploma/certificate of attendance is accepted

Average out-of-state tuition, current year::

\$0.00

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.

Date program information submitted:

2023-01-24 14:12:15

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

Yes

Remote learning at your program:

We allow remote learning for special circumstances (e.g., distance, medical accommodation, commuters, etc)

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

25-49%

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

Career services

Disability/accessibility services

Health services

Access to a transcript via the registrar

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

Program length::

3 years

Describe remote learning at your program:

<div class="item-list"><li class="first last">We allow remote learning for special circumstances (e.g., distance, medical accommodation, commuters, etc) </div>

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

100%

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About

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