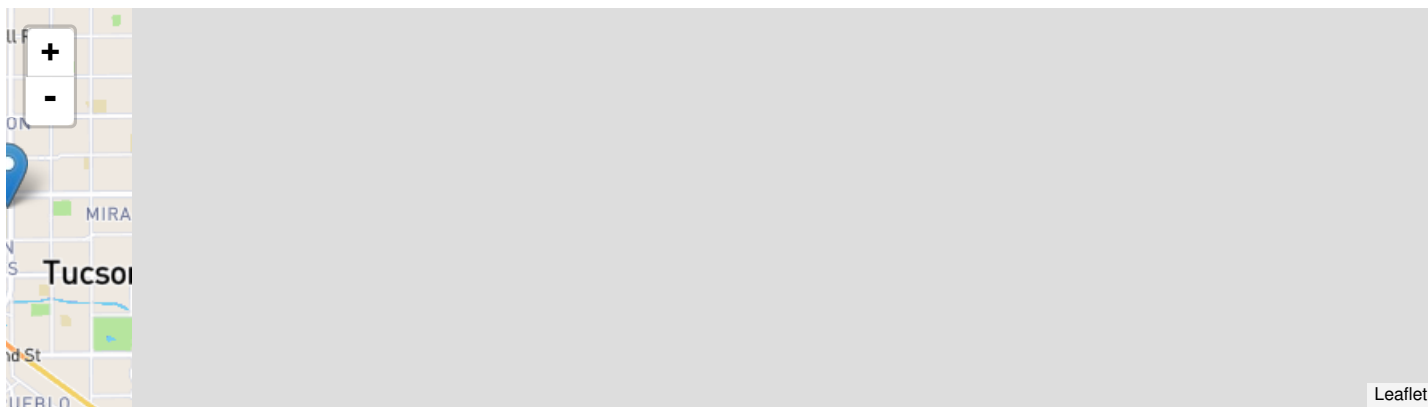


Project FOCUS (Focusing Opportunities with Community and University Support) ^[1]

The University of Arizona

Project FOCUS (Focusing Opportunities with Community and University Support), in collaboration with the College of Education and Pima County public school districts, provides an inclusive post-high school transition opportunity for students (ages 18-21) with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Project FOCUS provides access to The University of Arizona's academic courses, university and community -based internships, and campus life social events to increase students' independence, communication, technology skills, and employability. Our Students graduate as independent, self-determined, confident, employable citizens rooted in the knowledge and skills gained during their inclusive university experiences.

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This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:

Yes

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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::

Are still enrolled in high school

Number of students::

10

Affiliates

School district or agency partner::

Pima County School Districts (vary depending upon the applicants)

Requirements

Accepts out-of-state students?::

No

Deadline to apply to this program::

October-November

Link to admissions process::

<https://projectfocus.coe.arizona.edu/content/become-wildcat> [4]

Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::

- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- Developmental Disabilities

Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates

Program length::

2 years

Cost

Additional costs::

\$0.00

Campus event costs such as sports events, theater, dance, etc.

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)
- Scholarships
- Local School District funds
- Grant Funding
- Crowdfunding and fundraising through grant writing and donors.

Scholarships available::

Scholarships are based on individual financial need.

Academic

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

Typical college courses for credit

Typical college courses for audit

More about course access::

Students take courses aligned with their career goal and interests and are fully included with support from peer mentors.

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

None 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::

The Work Readiness Certificate

Employment

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

20%

Other career development activities are::

- Internships
- Volunteer work
- Community Service

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

20%

Housing

Housing is provided to students::

No

Extracurricular

Students participate in student organizations on campus::

Yes

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

25%

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

Wheelchair basketball, African-American student organization, Sierra Hiking Club

Facebook:

[link to program Facebook page](#) ^[5]

Program serves students who have left high school?:

No, all of our students are still in high school

Admission criteria (select all that apply):

Age range (enter ages below)

Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term:

80.00%

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 last">Age range: 18-22 </div>

Is the credential IHE-approved?:

Awarded by program, not officially recognized by the IHE

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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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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