



Preparing for Inclusive Postsecondary Education

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Delivering higher expectations for higher education through:

- InclusiveU
- Research
- Collaboration
- Technical Assistance and
Consultation





INCLUSIVEU

InclusiveU brings students of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to experience college life in a fully inclusive setting.

We offer real opportunities for students to participate in every aspect of campus life and to pursue their passion and plan for their future.

A day in the life...

- Meet with a peer partner for breakfast or coffee
- Work out at the gym
- Meet mentor, attend class
- Study/homework
- Lunch at Varsity with friends
- Attend a seminar
- Use the library or computer lab
- Participate in a club/org
- Dinner with friends
- Student Engagement activity



What is InclusiveU?





Supports On Campus

InclusiveU Students participate in campus life through fully inclusive experiences surrounded by peers.

Academic Supports

- What's our structure?
 - Audit vs. credit
 - Accommodations vs. modifications
- Advising services
- Technology
- Student Support Assistants
- Resources for professors

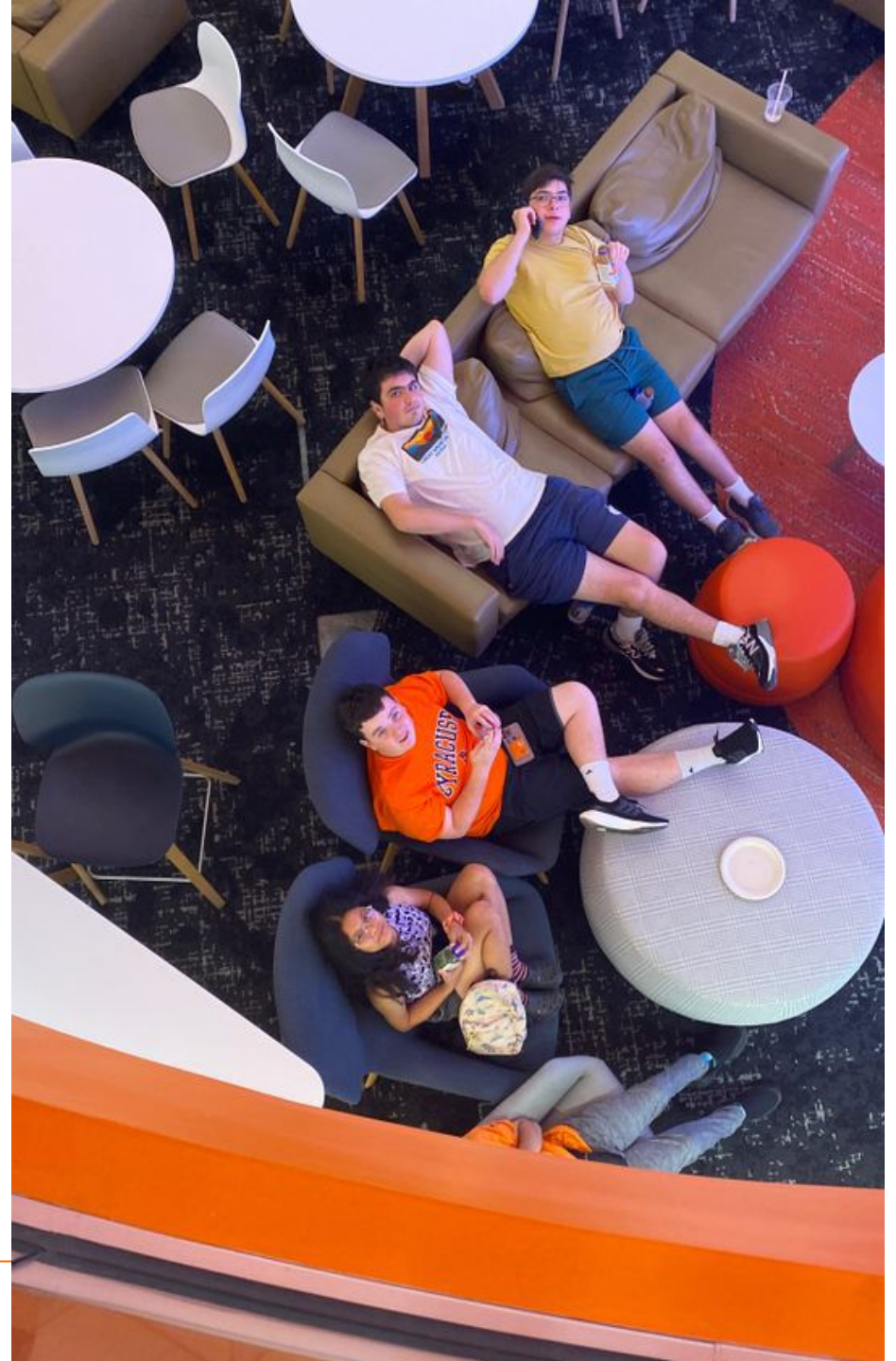


Internship/Employment Supports

- Employment Skills Class
 - Held every morning prior to going to Internship sites
- Employment Interest Surveys and Career Exploration
- On-site job coaching (Provided by ACCES-VR)
- On-site skill development
 - Soft Skills
- Communication support with supervisors and co-workers

Residential Supports

- Residential Mentor support
 - 1:1, 2:1, 3:1
- On Call system
- Supported group dinners
- GroupMe



InclusiveU's Admission Process

- Apply through our online portal
 - Application, personal statement, psychological evaluation, IEP/LIFEPlan, reference letters, photo, self expression piece
 - Early admissions vs Regular admissions
- Interview
 - Social skills, academic strengths and support needs, independent living skills, community involvement, vocational goals, etc.

What We Are Looking For During Admissions

- Is the student self motivated to be in college
- Does the student have vocational goals or aspirations
- How does the student navigate social interactions
- Can the student advocate for their needs
 - InclusiveU supports students with various communication styles. Can the student recognize when they need help, identify trusted people who can support them in accessing that help.
- Can the student abide by the university's Student Code of Conduct



What Skills Can A Prospective Student Start Working On Now?

- Residential:
 - Laundry
 - Medication administration plan
 - Conscious food choices
 - Keeping your own space clean
- Other:
 - Navigate state Medicaid systems (i.e. Self Direction)
- Personal/Academic:
 - Asking for help
 - Keeping a calendar
 - Navigating community (i.e.: Google Maps, etc.)
 - Safety skills (i.e: internet safety, environmental awareness, etc.)
 - Social skills (i.e: consent, making friends, etc.)

Get Involved and Prepare Early!

- Navigate Think College resources
- Browse program and university websites
- Follow programs and universities on social media
- Schedule a tour of programs/universities
- Attend information sessions
- Complete FAFSA/apply for scholarships
- Research application requirements and deadlines

New York State Waiver and InclusiveU

- Common Program Supports funded Through Self Direction:
 - Community Habilitation
 - Individual Directed Goods and Services
 - Community Classes, Transition program fees, Transportation
 - Housing Subsidy
 - Other Than Personal Services
 - Board subsidy (food)



New York State Waiver and InclusiveU

- Funding approval varies by state and waiver program
- Funding approval can also vary by Fiscal Intermediary agency and their internal policies
- Services must align with approved goals and budgets
- Planning ahead helps avoid delays or gaps in support
- It is very important to communicate with your Fiscal Intermediary before beginning an IPSE program or ensure the agencies procedures work in collaboration with the college or universities procedures for billing

Other Funding Stream Options

- Students of Comprehensive Transition Postsecondary programs are eligible to apply for FAFSA and receive federal grant funding
- School district funding if under 22
- State vocational rehabilitation funding
- Scholarships (Think College website)
- Other sponsoring agencies (i.e.: Commissioning for the Blind, etc.)
- ABLE account
- 529 College Savings program

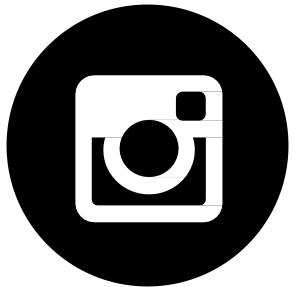
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Thank you!