

Program Elements

Campus Community

- Access to the comprehensive university experience
- Campus clubs and activities
- Social engagement activities
- Peer mentoring
- Faculty mentoring

Academics

- Individualized plans of study, flight plans
- Specially designed curriculum and course work preparing graduates for:
 - Employment
 - Community access
 - Community living
- Opportunities to take regular university electives

Employment

- Job coaching
- Internship opportunities
- Career exploration and awareness
- Supported employment on and off campus

Certificates Available

At present three certificates are available for students in the Academy. Students may earn a certificate in *Supported Employment (required)*, *Supported Community Living* and/or *Supported Community Access*. Each certificate has 20 credits of coursework. Students may take all or any combination of the three certificates.

Florida Atlantic University, a member of Florida's State University System, was established by legislative act in 1961. In addition to its original 850-acre campus in Boca Raton, FAU has sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. With an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, FAU is currently serving more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The Broward and Palm Beach County School districts — the 6th and 11th largest school districts in the country — and FAU enjoy a collaborative relationship. The University works with other districts and community agencies as well.


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Academy for Community Inclusion

Post-Secondary Programs for People with
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



Going to College

Going to college is a common experience for young adults. Attending college has not been an option for many adults intellectual or developmental disabilities – until now. The FAU Academy for Community Inclusion offers campus-based post-secondary education and transition programs for students aged 18 or older with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Inclusion and accessibility are basic pillars of everyday democracy.

— Michael Briguglio



Scholarships

Academy

FAU Academy for Community Inclusion gives students with developmental disabilities who have completed high school the opportunity to experience college campus life and all it has to offer: classes, social life, new friendships, recreational activities, career preparation, self-reliance and overall personal growth.



Employment

Inclusive institutions of higher education celebrate intellectual diversity in the same way that they celebrate racial, gender, cultural, religious, and other forms of diversity. They recognize that diverse learners require and inspire pedagogical innovation, and that innovation benefits all students. They place value on experiences and perspectives of others, respect all forms of learning, and provide opportunities for all students to develop to their fullest potential.

— Jones, Boyle, May, Prohn Updike, & Wheeler (2015) ThinkCollege INSIGHT #26

Program Highlights

Participants Will

- Develop self-determination skills
- Build self-confidence
- Use technology to support learning
- Explore career options
- Learn strategies for self-reliance
- Develop basic literacy in reading and finance
- Improve fitness
- Meet new friends
- Improve social skills

Certificates



To Apply Applicants Must:

- Have a documented developmental disability
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have completed high school
- Meet personal needs without assistance
- Be able to self-administer necessary medication