

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
- 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, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, FAU serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students across six campuses located along the southeast Florida coast. In recent years, the University has doubled its research expenditures and outpaced its peers in student achievement rates. Through the coexistence of access and excellence, FAU embodies an innovative model where traditional equity gaps vanish. FAU is designated a Hispanic-serving institution, ranked as a top public university by *U.S. News & World Report* and a High Research Activity institution by the *Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*.

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ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION

Post-Secondary Program for People with Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities





INDEPENDENCE

GOING TO COLLEGE

Going to college is a common experience for young adults. Attending college has not been an option for many adults with intellectual or development 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

ACADEMY

FAU Academy for Community Inclusion gives students with intellectual disabilities 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 et al. (2015). ThinkCollege INSIGHT #26.



ACHIEVEMENT

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



To Apply Applicants Must

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