

People with Intellectual Disabilities are attending and completing college! *Know your options...*

Option One

Attend as a traditional,
degree-seeking student.

Option Two

Attend an approved
Comprehensive Transition Program.



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| | Traditional Degree Seeking Student | Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) Student |
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| Do I Need a Regular High School Diploma? | Yes, you must have a regular high school diploma. | No diploma or certificate is required. |
| Do I Need to Take College Entrance or Placement Exams? | Yes. You must take all college entrance exams required by your college or university. | No – unless required by a specific CTP. |
| Can I Take Regular College Classes? | You can take any course for which you have the necessary preparation. | Courses may be taken either for credit or as audit (non-credit) with approval of the class instructor. |
| Am I Eligible To Receive a Degree? | Yes, if you complete all the course requirements. | You will receive a meaningful credential from your college, if you meet all the requirements. |
| Am I Eligible for Financial Aid (Pell Grants and Federal Work-Study)? Apply for federal financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) . | Yes, if you meet financial need requirements and maintain required academic progress, as defined by your college, for all students. | Yes, if you meet financial need requirements and maintain required academic progress, as defined by the CTP. |
| Am I Eligible for KEES Money? Go to the KHEAA website for more information. | Yes, If you are a full or part-time student working towards a regular degree or certificate. The initial award is based upon high school grades. | Yes, \$500 per semester if attempting at least 6 hours, and \$250 per semester if less (credit or auditing). |
| Can I Receive Reasonable Accommodations Because of My Disability? | To receive accommodations, you must register with your Disability Resource Office, disclose your disability, and provide documentation of the disability. | To receive accommodations, including courses not taken for credit, you must register with your Disability Resource Office, disclose your disability, and provide documentation of the disability. |
| What If I Need Course Modifications to Participate Successfully? | Students earning regular college credit are not eligible for course modifications. You must master all the course content. | If you are taking courses for audit, with permission of your instructor, you can have modifications to course content. You are required to learn the modified content. |