

Now is the time.

Have you waited for the time when you could tell students with learning and cognitive disabilities that there is an on-campus college program just for them, where they can learn valuable skills for work, independent living, and a successful life?

Now is the opportunity.

Now there is a program for students who do not meet typical undergraduate admissions criteria. That program is REACH (Realizing Educational and Career Hopes), and REACH offers an opportunity for an integrated college experience in a caring, structured living-learning environment.

What is REACH?

- A two-year certificate program at the University of Iowa.
- Core classes that emphasize life and social skills, independent living, academic enrichment, and career development.
- On-campus living in a residence hall supported by specially trained REACH Resident Assistants.
- Career counseling and field placements to help students focus on employment that matches their skills and interests.

Why is REACH Unique?

- Offered on a major, public university campus.
- Full integration into residential, social, and community life.
- Experienced teachers, advisors, and counselors support each student.
- Collaborative partnerships with families.

How Can You Get Involved?

- Visit the website to learn more about the curriculum, living arrangements, and career-building experiences REACH offers.
- Share the program with transition specialists and other educators.
- Share information about REACH with friends and families.
- Plan for REACH in your student's IEP.

Admission Criteria

- A student who is 18-25 years of age.
- A student who has completed H.S. with a diploma, certificate of completion, or equivalent.
- A student with a general achievement level in math and reading close to the 5th grade level or higher.
- A student who is developing and using some appropriate social skills among peers, with adults, and with employers.
- A student who has prior work or volunteer experience.
- A student who has some level of independence in most daily living skills—e.g., personal hygiene, room care.
- A student who has stayed at another place without the presence of parents—e.g., camp, a relative's home, or class trip.
- A student who has some experience using computers and other technology.
- A student who has the personal motivation and energy to be involved in an intensive program.
- A student who has a willingness to learn in an academic environment with high performance expectations.
- A student whose learning problems interfered with school performance.
- A student who requires disability related supports and services beyond those typically provided by most universities.
- A student motivated to complete a curriculum progressing toward a future career.

www.education.uiowa.edu/reach

Now accepting applications for:

Fall 2009 & 2010!

Contact REACH for more information
or visit the REACH Program website.

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REACH can offer a chance in life that never seemed possible before.

Program Overview

Mission

The REACH Program at The University of Iowa seeks to create a living-learning experience where young adults with multiple learning and cognitive disabilities are empowered with the skills necessary to be independent, engaged and contributing members of their community.

Students are fully integrated into The University of Iowa living-learning collegiate experience while gaining a liberal arts and career-focused education. All students are required to live in the residence halls. Students and employers receive support for an additional two years following graduation from this two-year certificate program.

Admission Process

The REACH application and interview process is designed to determine the compatibility of an applicant's learning performance, motivation, current life skills, and job interests with the goals of the REACH Program.

The required application materials include: a general application, a student questionnaire, recommendation forms, a behavioral assessment, and specific academic and intellectual evaluations. A personal interview is required and may be offered pending receipt of all admissions materials and a review by the Admissions Committee. For a complete summary of the admissions process and access to application materials, visit the Admissions web link at: <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/reach/admissions/application-process>. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the REACH Program office at 319-384-2127.

Now accepting applications for Fall 2009 and Fall 2010!

Costs

The REACH Program tuition and fees are one of the lowest among similar programs. The costs are comparable to, but higher than those of University of Iowa undergraduates because of the need for substantially more intensive supports. These are the anticipated rates for 2009-2010 pending final approval by the Board of Regents. Visit the REACH website for cost updates.

Need-based Scholarships

Applicants are encouraged to apply for need-based financial assistance. To be considered, the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form must be submitted as well as a REACH scholarship application.

Estimated Costs:	Iowa Residents	Non-Residents
Application Fee	\$40	\$40
Acceptance Fee	\$450	\$450
Tuition	\$13,286	\$27,438
University Student Fees	\$1,042	\$1,042
Room and Board	\$7,727	\$7,727
Other Estimated Expenses	\$754	\$754
Estimated Total:	\$23,299	\$37,451