Creating Opportunities for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Florida’s Colleges

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Today

- Federal and State support for postsecondary education programs that serve students with intellectual disabilities
- Overview of the FCSUA at UCF
- FPCTP resources
- Your role in FPCTP Development

PART D—PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WITH A QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION “SEC. 760. DEFINITIONS.

In this part: “(1) COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AND POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.—The term ‘comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities’ means a degree, certificate, or nondegree program ……

…… (D) requires students with intellectual disabilities to participate on not less than a half-time basis …..

“(2) STUDENT WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.—The term ‘student with an intellectual disability’ means a student— “(A) with mental retardation or a cognitive impairment, characterized by significant limitations in
Federal Guidance: 2011

- Letter to accrediting agency executive directors
- Letter to IHE financial aid offices
- Title IV provisions re: federal student aid
- Instructions to submit updated application
- Outlined CTP requirements
- IHEs must notify accrediting agency of the CTP
Federal Support: 2010 and 2015

- National center – Think College
- Model demonstration projects – TPSID projects
- Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education = a TPSID Project
Florida Legislation

- The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (FS 1004.6495)
- Signed into law January 21, 2016, effective July 1, 2016
The FPCTP Act

- Established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at UCF
- Established Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTP)
- Funds scholarships for students to attend approved programs
- Funds start-up and enhancement grants to IHEs
FCSUA’s Charge

- Put all the rest of the Act in place:
  - Application, submission, and approval process
  - Administer the development and enhancement grants
  - Award the scholarships to eligible students
  - Collect, analyze, and report evaluation information regarding program and student outcomes
Eligibility

- Public and private IHEs, not for profit, accredited
  - Universities
  - State and community colleges
  - Career tech centers
  - Private colleges
- Students with intellectual disabilities, attend in person, documented disability
  - Exited K-12 system
FPCT Programs

- Focus on employment outcomes
- Inclusive contexts
- No less than half-time enrollment
- **Meaningful credential, industry certification**
- Requires definition of *satisfactory academic performance*
- Requires federal comprehensive transition program application
FPCTP Approval Process

Universities
FCSUA
Florida BOG

State Colleges
FCSUA
Florida DOE

Career Tech Ctrs
FCSUA
Florida DOE
FPCT Programs – Universities

- Florida Atlantic University – Jupiter and expanding to Boca Raton
- University of Central Florida – Orlando (to be fully implemented by end of 2017-18 academic year)
FPCT Programs – State Colleges

- Florida Keys Community College – Key West and expanding to upper Keys
- Santa Fe College – Gainesville
- Indian River State College – Ft. Pierce
## FPCTP Credentials: Santa Fe College

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<td>National Center for Construction Education &amp; Research (NCCER) Core Curriculum</td>
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<td>Certified Nursing Assistant</td>
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### FPCTP Credentials: Indian River SC

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FPCT Programs – Career Tech Centers

- Florida Panhandle Technical College – Chipley
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Robert Morgan Technical Center, Miami
- Broward County Public Schools – McFatter Technical College, Davie
FPCTP Scholarships

- Scholarships are available for eligible students attending the approved FPCTPs
- 47 scholarships @ $7,000 annually awarded 2016-17
- 63 scholarships @ $7,000 annually awarded 2017-18 to date
FPCTP Grants

- Start-up
  - Establish a new program

- Enhancement
  - Add FPCTP “standards” to an existing program
  - Expand or improve an approved FPCTP
Grants in 2016-17 @ $300,000 Each

- FAU – Academy for Community Inclusion (enhance)
- UCF – Inclusive Educational Services (enhance)
- Broward County PS – Grow Your Future (start-up)
- Miami-Dade PS – Project TOPS (start-up)
- Santa Fe College – Project SAINT (enhance)
- Indian River SC – IRSC STAGE (start-up)
- FKCC – Project ACCESS (enhance)
Relationship of Elements

- FPCTP Application and Approval
- Student Scholarships
- Grant Proposal and Award
Who are these programs serving?

Results from FPCTP Annual Reports
Gender

50% female

50% male
Ethnicity

- 86% Other or Unknown
- 10% American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 2% Black or African American
- 2% White or Caucasian
Type of K-12 Exit

- Special diploma
- Regular high school diploma
- Certificate of attendance or completion
- Unknown
- Other
Years Out of K-12 Before Postsecondary Education Program Entry

Number of Students

Years out of K-12

Florida Center for Students with UNIQUE ABILITIES
Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Yes: 46
- No: 2
Conversation Starters

- Does enrollment reflect ethnic diversity of the State?
- Are the students prepared for their postsecondary education program?
- Are student completers achieving employment?
- What are key program predictors of success?
  - Secondary
  - Postsecondary
PSE: Create the Supply

- Create and provide choices for postsecondary education – offer a range of opportunities across Florida
- Connect with other partners: VR, Able Trust
- Build a team
- Access the Center’s resources
K – 12: Create the Demand

- Empower students and families
- Target postsecondary education programs in students’ IEPs (SPP/APR I-13!)
- *Prepare* students to access and succeed in a FPCTP!
- Develop meaningful SOPs
- Create and provide choices for postsecondary education – reach out to your institutions to offer a range of opportunities across Florida
Lessons Learned

- Institutional capacity varies widely
  - Staff commitments
  - Resource allocation
  - # of students that can be supported in the program
  - Types of student supports provided
Lessons Learned

- Many different approaches, credentials
- Wide range of collaborations, partners
- People need ideas and examples
- All institutions do most things differently
- Be consistent when applying standards
- Be responsive in real time!
FCSUA Strategies

- K – 12 system
  - Make connections
  - College and Career Transition Clubs
- Postsecondary education institutions
  - Mentor development
  - Sustainability resources
FPCTP Planning Institute

- January 24 – 26, 2018
- College staff on teams from
  - Beacon College
  - Broward College
  - College of Central FL
  - FL Keys CC
  - FSC Jacksonville
  - Gulf Coast SC
  - Indian River SC
  - Lake - Sumter SC
  - Pasco-Hernando SC
  - Tallahassee Community College
  - Santa Fe College
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