UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN KU TRANSITION TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

KU-TPE (http://tpe.ku.edu/program-components) is a 5 year federally funded Transition and Postsecondary Education Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSID) grant through the Office of Postsecondary Education in the Department of Education. The purpose of the grant is to serve students ages 18-25 years old, with intellectual disabilities in a postsecondary education setting.

Program Mission:
To ensure that students with Intellectual Disability (ID) have the opportunity to experience an inclusive postsecondary education and transition experiences by participating in on-campus academic, career development and student life activities. Through full participation in postsecondary education, students with ID will experience high quality inclusive work-based learning leading to a career pathway for integrated employment outcomes.

To be considered for admission students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A documented intellectual disability - Diagnosis can be determined by:
  - IEP
  - Cumulative File
  - Physician’s Documentation
  - Social Security Administration Files
  - Psychological or Neuropsychological Exam
  - Comprehensive Evaluation
  - Vocational Rehabilitation Documentation

- Student with significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior
- Aged 18-25 years old
- Demonstrated skills in navigating community and school environments with a willingness to learn new modes of transportation
- Demonstrated level of unsupervised independence (2-4 hours) using appropriate supports with potential to increase independence over time
- Desire to gain skills in:
  - Ongoing academic and adult learning
  - Career development and employment
  - Self-determination
  - Adult roles and responsibilities

- Established competence and responsibility for medications and self-care, with appropriate supports
- Past experience with work-based learning (e.g., in-school, volunteering, and/or paid employment)
- Desire for obtaining integrated employment upon completion of the KU-TPE program

Please visit the KU-Transition to Postsecondary Education Program admissions page (http://tpe.ku.edu/application-materials) for additional information.

- Students who pursue this certificate will be classified as non-degree undergraduates.
- The certificate is a 2-year program over 4 semesters. Students will be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester, and will take 4 required courses, with a minimum of 4 elective courses.
- Required courses: UNIV 101, EPSY 210, Health & Wellness (select one: HSES 260, HSES 330, ABSC 310, or SW 303), Communications/Leadership Studies (select one: COMS 130, LDST 201/202, or COMS 230).
- Elective courses: Specific KU coursework (4) will be identified for enrollment that aligns with student interest and identified career pathway.
- Students will participate in career development and work-based learning internships during Years 1 and 2 (C&T 598). Internships will be supervised by KU TPE staff and will be located across the KU campus units and within the community.