



Kentucky Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Program Brief for Students and Families

Comprehensive Transition & Postsecondary Programs

Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs (CTPs) were created by the [Higher Education Opportunities Act \(HEOA, 2008\)](#). These programs support students with intellectual disabilities (ID) who want to attend a college or university.

CTPs include:

- academic and social integration
- individualized person-centered planning
- preparation for success in life and in [competitive integrated employment](#)

What does it mean for students?

Eligible students with ID, as defined by the HEOA, who are enrolled in an approved CTP have opportunity to take challenging and meaningful credit and non-credit courses in their chosen fields of study.

Students enrolled in an approved CTP are eligible for federal and state financial assistance. This includes students who don't have a high school diploma and may not be working toward a degree.

Financial help may include:

- Non-loan, need-based Federal Student Aid (Pell Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, and Work-Study)
- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program funding: \$500/semester for enrollment in at least six hours in an academic term; \$250/semester for enrollment in less than six hours in an academic term.



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Questions about college

Students with ID may have questions about options for going to college.

Is college possible? How do I prepare? How do I apply? Can I afford it? How do I find the right college? What else do I need to know?

Answers to these questions can be found at www.thinkcollege.net/family-resources

CTPs were created to increase access to higher education for students with ID. CTPs provide support for students to:

- Take college courses that lead to a certificate or diploma
- Receive assistance in developing an individualized program of study
- Take courses (for a grade, audit, or pass/fail) with academic accommodations
- Receive academic and social supports, like peer mentoring and tutoring
- Have opportunities for work experiences and internships
- Foster self-reliance and self-determination

There are currently three Kentucky Institutions of Higher Education with approved CTP programs and one CTP application in process.

- [Murray State University](#)
- [Northern Kentucky University](#)
- [Bluegrass Community & Technical College](#)
- University of Kentucky (application in process)

Additional Information

To learn more, students and families may wish to talk to a teacher, school or vocational rehabilitation counselor and/or their Admissions and Release Committee (ARC).

Think College offers helpful information for students preparing to go to college, as well as useful resources for families. To explore these resources, visit: www.thinkcollege.net/resources

If you would like to watch stories of other students with ID who have gone to college, you can find those here: www.tinyurl.com/yxaz3lco

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