Purpose

⇒ To give students with disabilities the opportunity to meet non-disabled peers and build relationships in a college environment, increasing inclusion opportunities.

⇒ To increase basic life skills and work experience skills in order to foster maximum independence and success in entering the work force.

⇒ To provide a “learning lab” type environment for undergraduate Miami Dade College students to work with students with disabilities.

⇒ To provide an environment where Miami Dade College students could do observations, conduct lessons, consult with M-DCPS staff, etc., thereby receiving on campus, practical experiences.

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What is Project ACCEPT

Project A.C.C.E.P.T. (Access to College and Community Environments in Preparation for Transition) provides students with developmental disabilities an opportunity to interact with same age peers in a college environment.

Eligibility Criteria

⇒ Be 18-22 years of age.
⇒ Be capable of changing classrooms independently.
⇒ Be able to participate in small group activities.
⇒ Be able to follow simple directions.
⇒ Be able to remain seated in chair without supervision and/or assistance for a one-hour period.
⇒ Does not require extensive supervision for acute or chronic conditions, such as special diets or seizures.
⇒ Displays a level of social maturity conducive to a college environment.
⇒ Be able to maintain personal self-care and hygiene appropriately.

Benefits

► Access to a learning environment with appropriate peers
► Work focus
► Tailored instruction
► Job support
► Assistance in securing paid employment
► A network of supports between education, families, employers and service providers
► Access to college resources and expertise

Program Goals

⇒ To provide a smooth transition from high school to work that allows for the on-the-job training.
⇒ To provide a learning environment that allows students who are 18-22 years of age to learn and grow socially among their peers.
⇒ To utilize the rich resources of the College setting in order to teach students the skills necessary to find and maintain employment in the community.
⇒ To enable the student to secure employment and also to ensure that natural supports are in place to help the student through his/her adult career.
⇒ To open avenues to greater independence

Project ACCEPT

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