



INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR YOUTH WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY - CAREER & COMMUNITY STUDIES (CCS)

SB 572

The CCS program is the only fully inclusive postsecondary educational opportunity for students with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) in Oregon. Students with IDD who graduated from CCS have transitioned into long-term integrated and competitive employment, reducing long-term state support for their well being. SB 572 supports the continuation of CCS at Portland State University and establishes a plan for expansion of an individualized model of support within community colleges for students with IDD. SB 572 will continue to prepare youth with IDD for post-graduation pathways to employment that align with career goals and promote independent living and engagement within the community. SB 572 supports equitable access to an inclusive college experience for youth with IDD.

Investment in the CCS program will lead to improvements in Oregon's economy through reduced long-term care for students and families now and in the future.

STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (IDD)

The long-term inequities of program funding especially for students with intellectual disability and their families often represent those from the most marginalized communities, with high-poverty and are significantly less likely to enroll in the CCS program. The Career and Community Studies program provides an inclusive, four-year college experience for students with intellectual disabilities at PSU. Students have a fully inclusive coursework schedule with 9 credits per term, weekly academic coaching, individualized learning plans, career development, access to peer navigation and inclusive campus housing for interested students.

STUDENTS AT PSU ENROLLED IN CCS

- 81% of CCS graduates are currently employed within their chosen career path as compared to 33% of transition-aged youth with IDD in Oregon
- 92% of current students are employed in campus or community paid jobs
- We provide career seminars, career exploration, internships, career seminars, career counseling and other experiences
- Student Accomplishments: Interning with Special Olympics and Portland Pickles, Published work with Think College, Senator in student government, art exhibits with North Pole Studios

SINCE FALL 2016

- 14 graduates
- 13 current students
- 32 jobs on and off campus
- 83 PSU student interns
- 83 PSU courses made inclusive