

CAREER AND COMMUNITY STUDIES - NON-DEGREE

College of Education Health and Human Services
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes

About This Program

The Career and Community Studies program provides you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a variety of career paths, from social work to community development. With a focus on hands-on learning and real-world experience, you'll gain practical skills that can be applied in your daily life and career. Read more...

Contact Information

- Program Director: **Vonnie Michali** | yhale@kent.edu | 330-672-0725
- Speak with an Advisor
- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The program is limited to 10-12 students each fall. Students participating in the program experience intellectual and developmental disabilities that may affect some intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior. Other qualifications include documentation of past successful work, academic, leadership, and community participation. Also required for admission are a completed application, reference letters, and an in-person interview with the CCS admission committee.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CCS 00005	COLLEGE ORIENTATION ¹	1
CCS 00010	PERSONAL EXPLORATION I: NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL FITNESS	3
CCS 00015	ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE I: DISABILITY AWARENESS	3
CCS 00020	TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY I	1
CCS 00025	FINANCIAL LITERACY I: BUDGETING PERSONAL EXPENSES IN COLLEGE	1
CCS 00030	PHYSICAL EDUCATION I	1
CCS 00035	HEALTH AND WELLNESS I: PERSONAL SOCIAL SKILLS	3
CCS 00040	GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE I: PREPARING FOR SUCCESS	3
CCS 00105	INTRODUCTION TO CAREER EXPLORATION	1
CCS 00110	PERSONAL EXPLORATION II: INDEPENDENT LIVING AND LEISURE EDUCATION	3

CCS 00115	ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE II: SELF-DETERMINATION	3
CCS 00120	TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY II	1
CCS 00125	FINANCIAL LITERACY II: BUDGETING PERSONAL EXPENSES AFTER COLLEGE	1
CCS 00130	PHYSICAL EDUCATION II ²	1
CCS 00135	HEALTH AND WELLNESS II: HUMAN SEXUALITY	3
CCS 00140	GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE II: VOLUNTEERING	3
CCS 00205	CAREER EXPLORATION I	3
CCS 00210	ACADEMIC SUCCESS I	3
CCS 00235	HEALTH AND WELLNESS III: INJURY PREVENTION	3
CCS 00292	SOPHOMORE PRACTICUM I	3
CCS 00305	CAREER EXPLORATION II	3
CCS 00310	ACADEMIC SUCCESS II	3
CCS 00335	HEALTH AND WELLNESS IV: HEALTHY LIVING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE	3
CCS 00392	SOPHOMORE PRACTICUM II	3
CCS 00405	CAREER PREPARATION I: CHOOSING YOUR CAREER	3
CCS 00420	ACADEMIC SUPPORT I	3
CCS 00492	JUNIOR PRACTICUM III	4
CCS 00505	CAREER PREPARATION II	3
CCS 00520	ACADEMIC SUPPORT II	3
CCS 00592	JUNIOR PRACTICUM IV	4
CCS 00605	COMMUNITY LIFE I: PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT AFTER COLLEGE	1
CCS 00606	COMMUNITY LIFE I LABORATORY	3
CCS 00692	SENIOR INTERNSHIP I	1-12
CCS 00705	COMMUNITY LIFE II: MAKING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	1
CCS 00706	COMMUNITY LIFE II LABORATORY	3
CCS 00792	SENIOR INTERNSHIP II	1-12
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
CCS 00196	FRESHMAN INDIVIDUAL STUDY ³	1-3
CCS 00296	SOPHOMORE INDEPENDENT STUDY ³	1-3
CCS 00395	SPECIAL TOPICS ⁴	1-4
CCS 00396	JUNIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY ³	1-3
CCS 00495	SPECIAL TOPICS ⁴	1-4
CCS 00496	SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY ³	1-3
CCS 00595	SPECIAL TOPICS ⁴	1-4
CCS 00695	SPECIAL TOPICS ⁴	1-4
CCS 00795	SPECIAL TOPICS ⁴	1-4

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

- ¹ Students enrolled in CCS 00005 also will attend sessions of UC 10001.
- ² Students enrolled in CCS 00030 and CCS 00130 also will attend sessions of different Physical Activity, Wellness and Sport (PWS) courses.
- ³ Students enrolled in CCS 00196 will need prior approval from their CCS academic advisor and the topic must pertain to a career field of interest.
- ⁴ Students enrolled in special topics courses also will attend sessions of Kent State courses selected in consultation with an advisor.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Become more self-determined persons who are better prepared for independent living and the achievement of career goals.
2. Gain confidence in critical and independent thinking, and use their own voice and vision in order to be active and informed citizens.
3. Understand basic concepts of the academic disciplines, and apply imagination and creativity as they begin a lifelong pursuit of knowledge.
4. Demonstrate awareness of ethical implications of their own actions, and be positive role models who contribute to societal views concerning inclusion, community, and tolerance for diversity.

Full Description

Career and Community Studies is a college-based, transition, non-degree program to prepare students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury and autism (ages 18 and older) for adult life through academic pursuits, peer socialization, and career discovery and preparation. The program integrates inclusive classes, a typical college experience, and a transition curriculum to assist students in achieving adult roles and a quality of life in a community of their choice.

The first year of the program is designed as a foundation with courses covering disability issues, personal development, health and wellness, and literacies. Year two allows students to extend their knowledge and skills in participating in college-level courses and other campus environments. The last two years focus on career-field specialization with courses in independent living, life-long learning competencies, and career development and employment, as well as internships in the community where students apply their learning in jobs of choice.

The Career and Community Studies Program (CCS) is excited to offer **two new two-year programs** (Career and Community Studies-College Preparation and Career and Community Studies-Employment Readiness) for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities or autism in addition to the four-year plan of study. The programs are non-degree and require 60 credits to graduate.