

# CAREER AND COMMUNITY STUDIES (NON-DEGREE)

## College of Education Health and Human Services

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## 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.

## Fully Offered At:

- 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 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.

## Program Requirements MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
CCS 00005	COLLEGE ORIENTATION <sup>1</sup>	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	1
CCS 00030	PHYSICAL EDUCATION I	1
CCS 00035	HEALTH AND WELLNESS I: PERSONAL SOCIAL SKILLS	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	1
CCS 00130	PHYSICAL EDUCATION II <sup>2</sup>	1
CCS 00135	HEALTH AND WELLNESS II: HUMAN SEXUALITY	3
CCS 00205	CAREER EXPLORATION I	1
CCS 00210	ACADEMIC SUCCESS I	4
CCS 00215	INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION SKILLS <sup>3</sup>	3
CCS 00225	FINANCIAL LITERACY III	1
CCS 00235	HEALTH AND WELLNESS III: INJURY PREVENTION	3
CCS 00292	SOPHOMORE PRACTICUM I	3
CCS 00305	CAREER EXPLORATION II	1
CCS 00310	ACADEMIC SUCCESS II	4
CCS 00325	FINANCIAL LITERACY IV	1
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: LIFE 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
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
CCS 00196	FRESHMAN INDIVIDUAL STUDY <sup>4</sup>	1-3
CCS 00296	SOPHOMORE INDEPENDENT STUDY <sup>4</sup>	1-3
CCS 00395	SPECIAL TOPICS <sup>5</sup>	1-4
CCS 00396	JUNIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY <sup>4</sup>	1-3

CCS 00495	SPECIAL TOPICS <sup>5</sup>	1-4
CCS 00496	SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY <sup>4</sup>	1-3
CCS 00595	SPECIAL TOPICS <sup>5</sup>	1-4
CCS 00695	SPECIAL TOPICS <sup>5</sup>	1-4
CCS 00795	SPECIAL TOPICS <sup>5</sup>	1-4
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- <sup>1</sup> Students enrolled in CCS 00005 also will attend sessions of UC 10097.
- <sup>2</sup> Students enrolled in CCS 00030 and CCS 00130 also will attend sessions of different Physical Activity, Wellness and Sport (PWS) courses.
- <sup>3</sup> Students enrolled in CCS 00215 also will attend sessions of COMM 15000.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Students enrolled in special topics courses also will attend sessions of Kent State courses selected in consultation with an advisor.

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## Graduation Requirement

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.500	2.500