

What is the proposed UK-CTP program?

The Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) program is a two-year program where students with intellectual disabilities typically take two courses each semester for four semesters. Courses are selected through a person-centered process with the support of a full-time CTP coordinator, who is available to the student and faculty. Students take part in a meaningful college experience that includes extracurricular activities, mentoring, and vocational exploration through internships and work-study. Courses may be taken for credit or audit. In semesters two – four, students also take an internship. The CTP does not create new courses, degree program, minor, or academic certificate. It is anticipated that five students would enroll in the UK-CTP in academic year 2022 – 2023.

Technical assistance and training for students, faculty and staff are available through the Supported Higher Education Partnership at the UK Human Development Institute (UK-HDI). The UK-CTP program emphasizes leadership development of a population of students who have experienced longstanding inequities in higher education and employment. CTP status designation from the US Department of Education opens the door to federal financial aid for enrolled students.

What will students receive at the completion of their UK-CTP program?

Students will receive a program certificate of completion in adherence with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) requirements and guidance from the National Coordinating Center.

National context

Over 300 colleges and universities offer postsecondary education programs for students with intellectual disabilities. UK benchmarks offering CTP programs include the University of Alabama, University of Arkansas, Auburn, University of Georgia, Mississippi State University, University of Missouri, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, Texas A&M, Vanderbilt, and the Ohio State University.

National, regional and state leadership

UK-HDI leads the existing network of CTPs across the state. UK-HDI provided education that resulted in students with intellectual disabilities in Kentucky being able to access their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) Program funds when they enroll in a CTP. Our staff serve in leadership roles on regional consortia, present nationally and publish on inclusive higher education.