



UI REACH

University of Iowa – UI REACH

ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL, COGNITIVE AND LEARNING DISABILITIES

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**College of
Education**
REACH Program

Transitioning Students for Success

Quick Facts about the College/University

Name of University: **University of Iowa – BIG 10 University; UI REACH**

Type of School: **2, 3 or 4 Year Certificate Program**

Location: **Iowa City, Iowa**

Size: **University- over 32,000 & UI REACH – 41 in-person in Fall 2020**

Featured Programs/Majors or Fun Facts:

- **Fully residential and fully inclusive**
- **18 full-time professional staff to support students**
- **Year 1 career exploration and Year 2, 3, and 4 internships**
- **National and international in scope and recruiting**
- **69% of alumni graduated from public schools, 15% from private schools, & 16% from other**
- **88% of UI REACH students are employed after graduation ***

**Note: New figures from surveying all graduates of program in 2019-2020.*



KEY ACADEMIC & FUNCTIONAL SKILLS AREAS

- UI REACH is a post-secondary EDUCATIONAL experience
- While the UI REACH program provides access to University of Iowa courses, the UI REACH program also provides supplemental instruction in key academic and functional skill areas
 - We use high leverage/evidence-based practices to significantly increase reading and writing skills
 - We use explicit instruction to teach social skills instruction and a healthy relationships class
 - Advisors and UI REACH staff intentionally create space and opportunities for students to practice self-advocacy and decision making
 - We use universal design in how we deliver content
 - We are integrating Accessible Technology (AT) into our classes to ensure every student is able to learn as they are best able



Application Process for UI REACH

Common App/Institutional App: **Apply on our website -**

<https://education.uiowa.edu/services/ui-reach-realizing-educational-and-career-hopes/apply-ui-reach>

Deadlines: To be considered for enrollment in Fall 2021, it is best to submit your application by December 31, 2020. Preference will be given to those applicants whose completed materials are submitted prior to December 31, 2020, but applications can be submitted through March 31, 2020 in consideration for Fall 2020 admission.

Application Materials (there is an Application Checklist online as well):

- Application Fee
- General Online Application
- Skills Assessment
- Three References
- Intellectual Assessment
- Most Recent High School Transcript



Disability Services

Name of Office: **Student Disability Services**

Contact Person: **Mark M. Harris, Ph. D., Director**

Location: **Student Disability Services; 3015 Burge Hall; Iowa City, IA 52245**
319-335-1462

Fax: 319-335-3973

sds-info@uiowa.edu

Website: **<https://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu/>**

Application Process for Students w/ Disabilities

Same as applying to UI REACH if you applying to the general University of Iowa then separate application process. UI REACH has its own admissions process as listed below:

Where to find the application: **Apply on our website -**

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When to apply: **To be considered for enrollment in Fall 2021, it is best to submit your application by December 31, 2020.** Preference will be given to those applicants whose completed materials are submitted prior to December 31, 2020, but applications can be submitted through March 31, 2020 in consideration for Fall 2020 admission.

How to disclose: On the online application.

Programs/Services Offered by the Disability Services Office

Common Accommodations:

- Adaptive furniture in the classroom
- Allow audio recording of class
- Allow short breaks during class or exams
- Alternatives for in-class presentations
- Class notes
- Deadline modification
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing accommodations
- Disability-related absence and deadline modification (DRADM)
- E-text for required textbooks
- Extended time for exams and quizzes
- Grammar/Spelling
- Large print
- Memory aid
- Preferential seating
- Priority registration
- Reduced distraction environment for exams and quizzes
- Scribe for Essay Exams
- Scribe for Scantron
- Use of a calculator
- Use of a computer or other adaptive equipment for exams
- World language substitution courses

Mental Health Resources

University Counseling Service

Where to find them: <https://counseling.uiowa.edu/>

How to access : Currently enrolled students at the University of Iowa can call the UCS at (319) 335-7294 to schedule an appointment. To verify that you are eligible for services, check out our [eligibility FAQ](#).

Parameters for numbers of sessions, etc:

To begin individual therapy at the UCS, the first step is to [schedule a meeting](#) with a UCS staff member for an initial consultation appointment. This appointment provides an opportunity for you to discuss your concerns with a therapist and determine which service will best meet your needs. Based on this meeting, you and your consultant may agree that group or individual therapy would best suit your needs. If this is the case, the consultant will gather the necessary information from you so that you can begin therapy. The length of time from the initial consultation to starting therapy is determined by two main factors: Your preferences regarding characteristics of your counselor or group; and, availability of open slots for therapy. For the second half of the fall or spring semesters, it can take three to ten days to match you with your therapist. While waiting to be assigned to a counselor, you may call UCS any weekday at 8:00 a.m. to request a [Same Day Quick Access Appointment](#). Our individual therapy services are short-term in nature. This means that you and your assigned counselor will focus on resolving the immediate problems that brought you to the UCS and specific goals. Most students receive between three and eight sessions of counseling. Group, however, can be long-term counseling in which you may participate as long as you need.

Disability Specific Resources

Any programs that are for specific disability categories (ex. Autism, Students with Physical Disabilities, etc)

UI REACH and Student Disability Services are the main resources on campus.

They will be able to get you in touch with other resources.

Name of Office: **Student Disability Services**

Website: <https://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu/>



Fun Videos/Supplemental Materials

Links to College Tours/Disability Services Presentations, Summer Programming, Pre College Programs etc.:

UI REACH INFORMATIONAL VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PXCbk3hHQ>

INTERNSHIP VIDEO PROFILE – Danny McGregor-Huyer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krtaplpleH8>

A Dream Within REACH: Making the Hawkeye Marching Band | Iowa Magazine – Jack Emptage:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th5r0hl_xoo&feature=emb_title

Virtual Tours for Families (go to website or call) -

2020-2021 Dates:

- Mon., Oct. 19, 10am central
- Fri., Nov. 6, 10am central
- Fri., Dec. 11, 10am central
- Fri., Jan. 15, 10am central



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