

Career Skills Institute

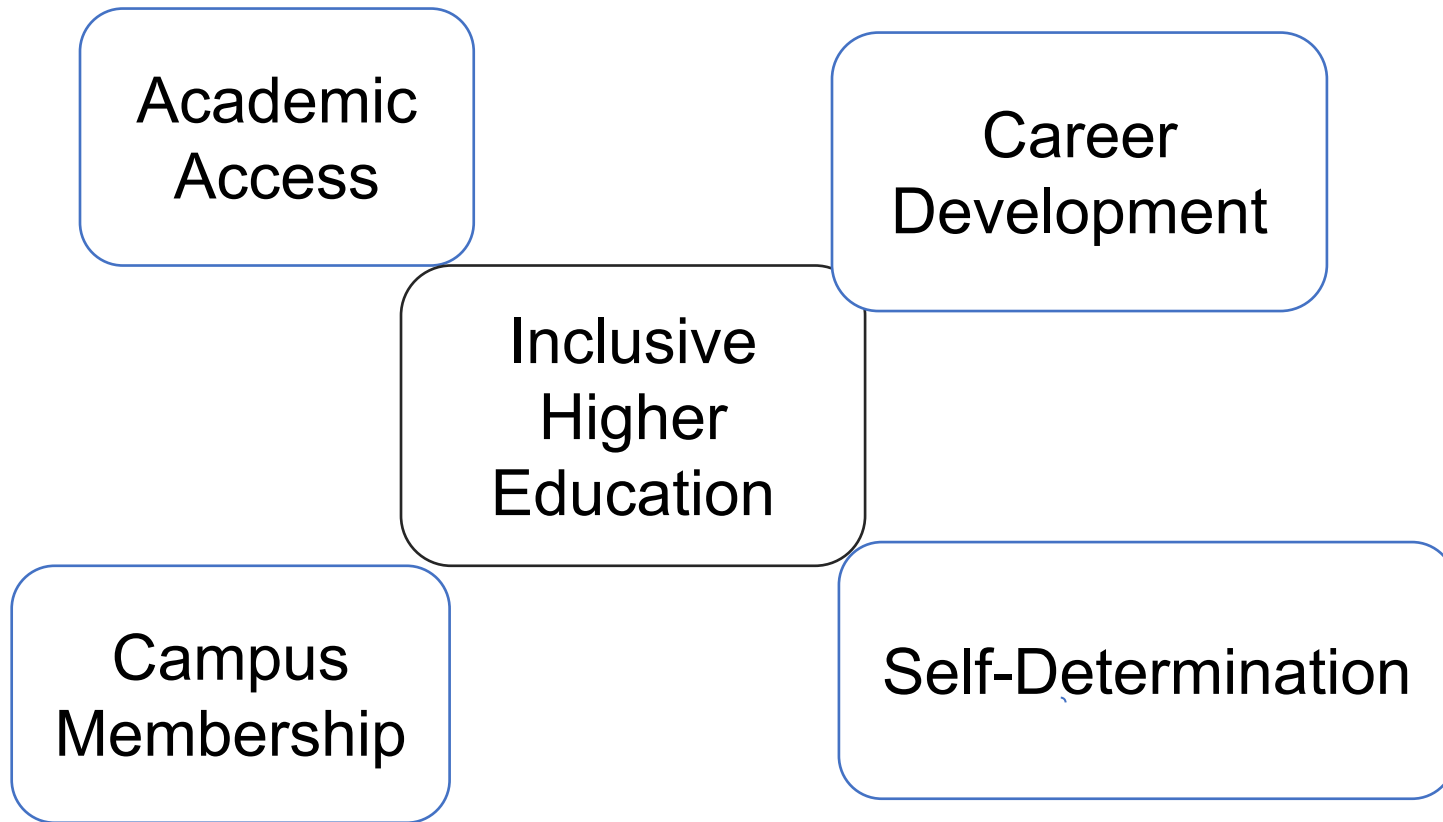


Think College!

- National initiative focused on creating inclusive postsecondary education for students with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities
- *Think College Illinois* is a partnership with state agencies & Illinois colleges to create a blueprint for PSE opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities

State agencies: IL Community College Board (ICCB), IL Council on Dev. Disabilities (ICDD), IL Board of Higher Ed (IBHE), IL State Board of Ed (ISBE), IL Dept of Human Services (DRS)

Think college- framework



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- Program, started Fall 2012
- 2-year cohort model
- 15 students in a cohort
- Instructors & student mentors



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Goals-

- Academic skills tied to daily needs
- Self-determination
- Work behaviors
- Career interests
- Campus membership

Campus membership: Harper's code of conduct

- Core values:
 - ❖ Integrity
 - ❖ Respect
 - ❖ Excellence
 - ❖ Collaboration
- Promote safety and deter students from behavior that harms, harasses, or threatens people or property

Instructional Components

- Self-advocacy – life-management skills, communication, & social skills
- Academic strand- math, reading, writing, & computers
- Vocational skills- work behaviors, career interests, & vocational experience

Two-year sequence

- Year 1 – six course modules focusing on basic academics (reading, math, writing, computers), communication & self-advocacy
- Year 2 – six course modules focusing on career exploration, job skills, & a guided vocational experience

Typical Schedule of day- MWF

9:00 – 10:00 **class**

10:15 – 11:15 **class**

11:30 – 12:30 **Lunch & social
opportunities**

12:45 – 1:45 **class**

Schedule of day for 2020

(procedures in response to the global pandemic)

Blended program

- On campus MWF 9:00 – 11:30 for shortened 3 classes
- E-learning assignments in afternoon on MWF

Tuition Plan

- Payment tuition
 - full payment
 - installment plan
- Program does not qualify under FAFSA
- Scholarships available through Harper Foundation & private sources

Additional information

- Visit - bit.ly/harpercsi