

# UI REACH

# Program Overview

*All outlined policies and procedures for UI REACH are for the current year, yet are subject to change at any time for program improvement*

## VISION:

Our vision is to empower young adults to become independent, self-determined individuals whose lives are personally rewarding.

## MISSION:

Our mission is to provide an integrated Big 10 university experience which equips young adults with *intellectual, learning and developmental disabilities* to achieve greater independence through campus involvement, career development, coursework, and residence hall living. We strive to develop and implement best practices in post-secondary education within our field through collaborative research.

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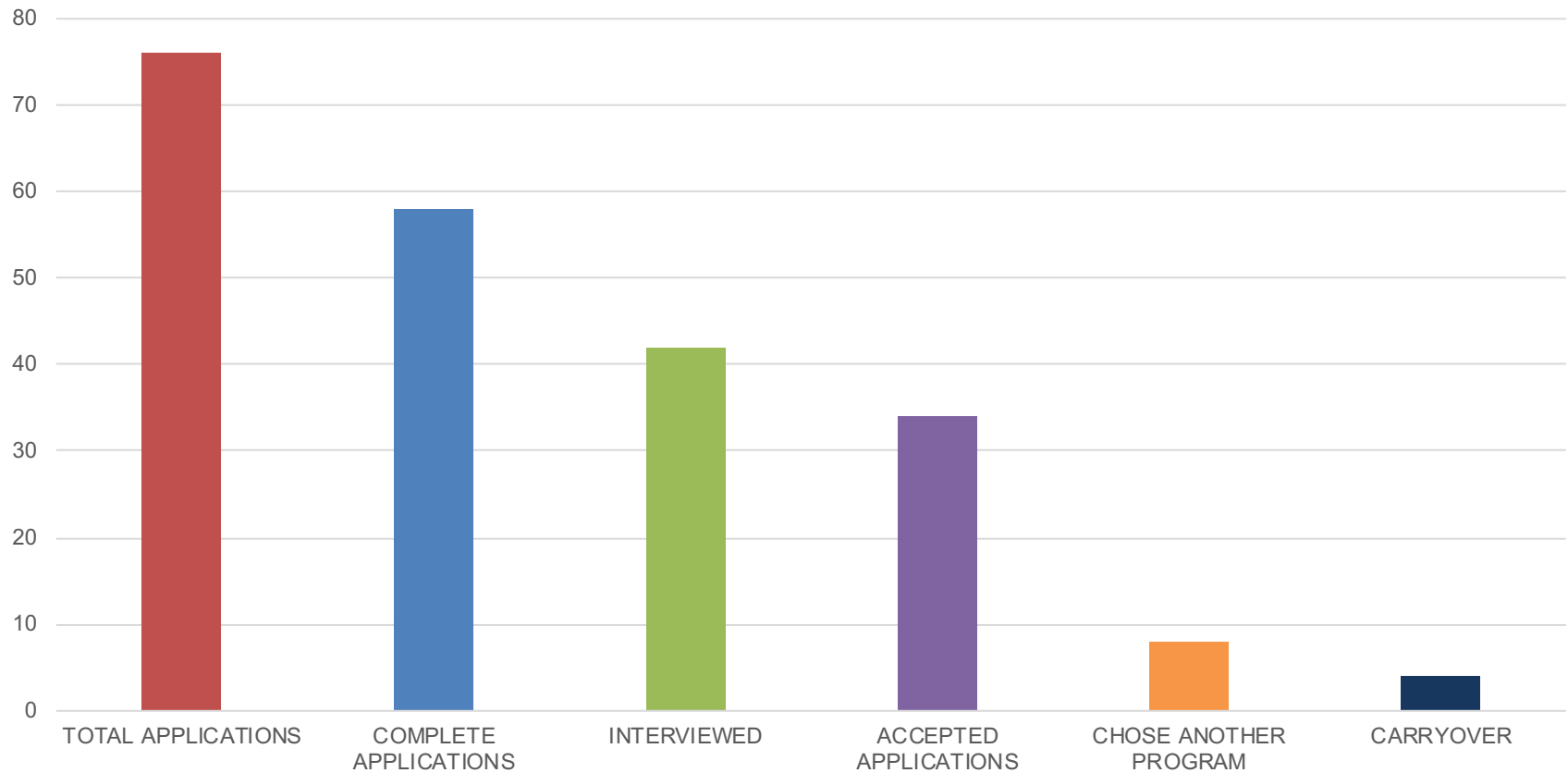
## **Comprehensive Transition Program**

- General Certificate or Career Focused Area
- Non-transferable credits
- Two to Four Year Options

## **UI REACH Integrates experiences in**

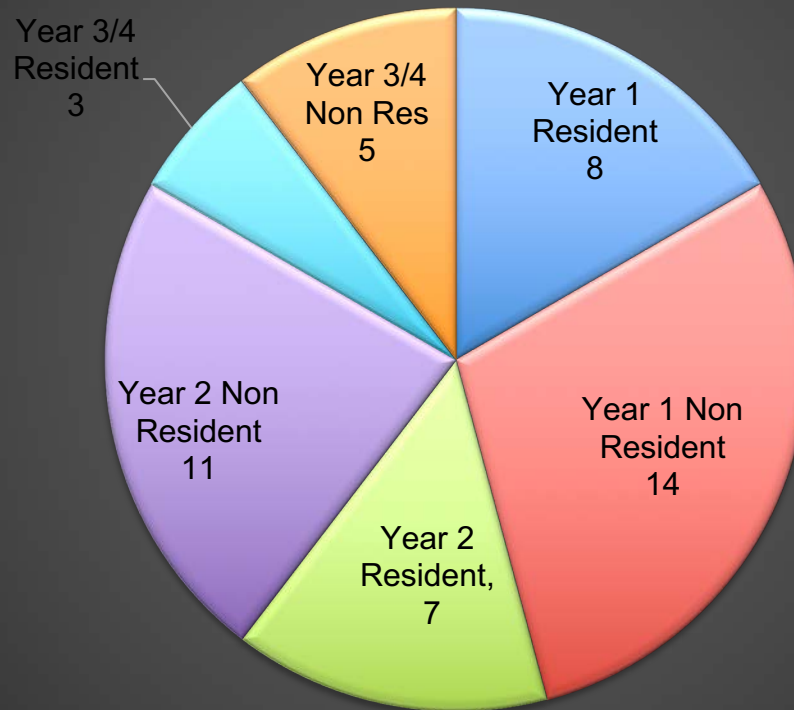
- Academic Enrichment
- Student Life/Independent Living
- Career Development and Transition

# Recruitment Results



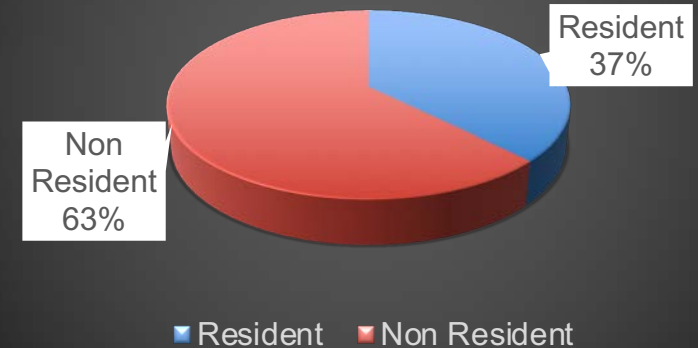
# What does current enrollment look like?

**Current Enrollment = 48**



Year 1	22
Year 2	18
Years 3 and 4	8

## Current Residency Composition





# What does current enrollment look like?

## By Gender

Year 1	10 Females/12 Males
Year 2	6 Females/12 Males
Year 3/4	2 Females/6 Males
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 Females/30 Males</b>



## By State

Iowa	18
Illinois	10
Minnesota	5
Michigan	2
California	1
Colorado	1
Delaware	1
Indiana	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Ohio	1
Pennsylvania	1
Maryland	1
Missouri	1
New Jersey	1
Ontario	1
Washington	1



# Staffing

## Professional Staff

15 Full-time

5 Part Time

## New Student Support Coordinator

### UI Student Staff

2 Administrative Support

14 Peer Mentors

4 Resident Assistants

33 Practicum Students  
(non-paid)



# Academics

# UI REACH Core Curriculum

- Focus on Academic Skill-Building and Lifelong Learning
- Independent Living, Advocacy, and Social Skill-Building
- Academic Electives, Community Learning Groups
- UI REACH Instructors and Standards Based Grading
- Reverse Integration Practicum Students, Mentor Support

## Integrated Course Opportunities (Audit or Credit)



# Career & Transition

# Intensive Career Instruction

## Year 1: Career Exploration and Internship Preparation

- Realistic Career Goals
- Workplace readiness skills
- Mock interviews
- Field Trips



## Year 2: Internships and Job Search Strategies

- Work experience (6-12 hours per week)
- Paid and Unpaid, educational internships
- Hard skills primarily taught by employers



# Student Life



# Campus Life

- 500+ Student Organizations
- Weekly Activity Calendar
- Wellness Education

# Residence Hall Life

- Integrated Living
- Codes of Conduct
- Navigating Campus



# **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year Options**

## **Apartment Style with a Focus On Independent Living**

- No curfew
- No UI REACH RAs
- Increased traditional class load

## **Continued Academic and Internship Experiences**

## **Planning for Enhanced Credentials**

# Student Centered Advising

## For Students

- Checking In
- Problem Solving
- Role Playing
- Goal Setting

## For Families

- Personal Point of Contacts
- Provides Updates



# Transition Planning

# Transition Meetings

- Student Led with Circle of Support
- Prepare for independent living post-UI REACH

## Convocation

## Post Program Collaboration

- Consultative services
- “Always a part of the UI REACH family”

## EXTEND

- Reconnect events where incoming, current and alumni students and families are invited



# Outcome Data

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



192 Graduates as of May 2019

*Leaders. Scholars. Innovators.*

## OUTCOMES

Completed only 2 years	63%
Working	80%
Earning more than \$10/hour	69%
Job satisfaction - Parents	90%
Job satisfaction - Parents	87%

*Parents note the largest gains in the area of independence and the largest areas of ongoing support needs as social engagement.*

# How You Can Help

- Tell someone about UI REACH
- Volunteer
- Assist with developing internship sites
- Employ a person with disabilities





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# Social Media Engagement and Outreach



**1,390 PAGE FOLLOWERS**  
WE'VE GAINED ABOUT 1 NEW  
FOLLOWER EVERY 2 DAYS

## FB Followers

Women	76%
Men	23%
25-34	17%
45-54	17%



**FOLLOWER SIZE: 541**  
WE'VE GAINED ABOUT 1 NEW  
FOLLOWER EVERY 14 DAYS.

## Twitter Followers

Women	66%
Men	34%

18.6K Impressions Feb '19



**FOLLOWER SIZE: 622**

## Instagram Followers

Women	72%
Men	28%
Iowa City	38%
18-34	68%