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.
Overview

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

- Total Applications: 75
- Complete Applications: 60
- Interviewed: 40
- Accepted Applications: 30
- Chose Another Program: 5
- Carryover: 2
What does current enrollment look like?

Current Enrollment = 48

Year 1
Resident 8
Non Resident 14

Year 2
Resident 7
Non Resident 11

Years 3 and 4
Resident 3
Non Resident 5

Current Residency Composition

Year 1  22
Year 2  18
Years 3 and 4  8

Resident 37%
Non Resident 63%
What does current enrollment look like?

**By Gender**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Females</th>
<th>Males</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>18</strong></td>
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**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
3rd and 4th 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
192 Graduates as of May 2019
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<td>Completed only 2 years</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>Working</td>
<td>80%</td>
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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

## Facebook Followers
- **Women**: 76%
- **Men**: 23%
- **Age Breakdown**:
  - 25-34: 17%
  - 45-54: 17%

## Twitter Followers
- **Women**: 66%
- **Men**: 34%
- **Impressions**: 18.6K
  - **February ‘19**

## Instagram Followers
- **Women**: 72%
- **Men**: 28%
- **Location Breakdown**:
  - Iowa City: 38%
  - 18-34: 68%