UI REACH

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Program of Study

UI REACH (Realizing Educational and Career Hopes) is a transition certificate program for college students with disabilities, such as autism, intellectual disabilities, and learning disabilities. The program prepares young adults to become empowered and self-directed individuals who are included in communities that embrace people of all abilities. This is accomplished by cultivating individualized supports and opportunities that promote advocacy and success in everyday life.

The UI REACH experience integrates academic skill building, career development, campus involvement, and transition planning to create a dynamic collegiate experience. A few of the program offerings include:

- integrated, Big Ten University experience with on-campus residence hall living;
- person-centered planning to customize each student’s college experience according to their interests and abilities;
- weekly advising with professional staff;
- specialized core curriculum and electives delivered by College of Education instructors;
- inclusive academic learning opportunities including traditional classes for credit or audit;
- employment preparation and career development;
- community-based internships and employment opportunities with local businesses;
- access to over 500 student organizations and numerous inclusive campus activities;
- on-call emergency 24-hour support;
- scholarships and other financial aid options;
- a four-year certificate with second- and third-year certificate options; and
- events around the country to reconnect for current students, alumni, and families.

For more information, visit UI REACH on the College of Education website.