

THE UNION EDGE PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Program Leadership

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includes question/answer, reading assessment, writing assessment, problem solving assessment, math skills assessment, and determination of ability to follow rules and be a good sport.

3. Trial Day on Campus: Students who score high enough on the interview may be invited to a trial day on campus.

Program Description

The Union EDGE is a comprehensive program for highly motivated young adults who have a documented intellectual and/or developmental disability (IDD). This is a two-year certificate program for students ages 18-26 who have completed high school. The Union EDGE—Employment training, Daily living skills, Godly focus, Educational enrichment—is a residential or non-residential program designed to aid in career development and employment skills. Students will audit college courses, participate in life skills classes, work in on-campus and off-campus internships, and experience the full range of college life. Exiting students will receive certificates of completion.

Final admission decisions are made by the Director and EDGE Admissions Committee composed of School of Education faculty.

Curriculum

EDGE students register for 12 or more semester hours each semester. Students enroll in two life skills courses

Program Purpose

The Union EDGE provides a holistic, post-secondary education for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, encouraging increased independent skills that lead to a better quality of life and aligning with Union's mission of providing "Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society."

each semester that focus on training in life skills and career development, including topics such as technology, resume writing/interviewing, use of social media, banking, cooking, social skills, safety, and job skills.

EDGE Certificate Requirement: 48 Hours

I. Life Skills Course Requirements – 24 hours

LFS 101, 105, 110, 116, 121, 125, 130, 201

II. Electives – 24 hours from audits of regular college courses

Program Admission

Applications for Fall enrollment must be received by May 1 each year. To be considered complete, an application must be

Additional Program Requirements

Internships and Externships: Students are partnered with an on-campus internship during the first year. During the second year, students are partnered with an off-campus externship.

Mentorship: Union EDGE Students are partnered with trained upperclassmen student mentors. Student mentors

- Application Fee (\$50)

2. Interview: Students who score high enough on the application may be invited for an interview that

