THE UNION EDGE PROGRAM
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Program Leadership

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Program Description

The Union EDGE is a comprehensive transition 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.

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."

Program Admission

Applications for Fall enrollment must be received by May 1 each year. To be considered complete, an application must be signed and accompanied by the $50 application fee. Once an application has been received and reviewed, the applicant may be contacted to set up an on-campus interview.

Acceptable candidates must be between the ages of 18-26, possess a documented Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD), and be a high school graduate. In addition, applicants must submit the following to the EDGE program office:

1. Completed application, including:
   - Work history
   - Medical history
   - Personal support inventory
   - Questionnaire
   - Letters of recommendation (2)
   - High school transcript
   - Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
   - Psycho-educational evaluation
   - Application Fee ($50)
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