

## Mission

The mission of the FUTURE program is to empower students to achieve gainful employment in the community.

## Goal

The primary goal of the FUTURE Program is to provide a college experience for students to build social, work, academic and career development skills to promote lifelong learning and career possibilities.

## Individual Programs of Study

Individualized programs of study for each student will be established through Person-Centered Planning based on interests, academic, social and vocational needs.

## Professional Dispositions

**F**riendliness

**U**nderstanding

**T**enacity

**U**tility

**R**espect

**E**nthusiasm



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## FUTURE PROGRAM

Postsecondary Education Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism at The University of Tennessee

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To Achieve Gainful  
Employment*

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## What do you plan to do *after High School?*

**Have you considered  
becoming a student at the  
*University of Tennessee?***

**Do you have career goals  
and dreams?**

The University of Tennessee FUTURE Postsecondary Education Program is designed as a 2-year nonresidential program culminating in a University of Tennessee FUTURE Program Vocational Certificate and job placement.

The program aims to:

- Empower students to achieve gainful employment in the community
- Become a more qualified job candidate
- Plan a Career
- Make a successful transition from school to adult life
- Receive individualized career counseling services to transition from school to work
- Select classes and engage in college life
- Self-direct decision-making, problem-solving, and life planning

## Student Supports

### Educational Mentors:

University of Tennessee students will serve as:

- Academic Tutors,
- Class Buddies,
- Workout Buddies,
- Lunch Buddies,
- And more

Educational Mentors will be trained by FUTURE staff on supporting students in the University environment.

### University of Tennessee Courses:

FUTURE students will audit University of Tennessee courses of interest each semester. Examples of classes include:

- Introduction to Film Studies
- Human Development
- World Geography
- Introduction to Poetry
- Children's Literature
- Interpersonal Communication
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Public Speaking
- English Composition
- Western Art

University of Tennessee Faculty and Staff will assist students in creating a Learning Plan for each semester with individualized goals for each course.

## Eligibility Requirements

This program has been designed to meet the needs of students who meet the following requirements:

- At least 3rd grade reading level, preferably 4th and above
- Basic mathematics understanding and ability to use a calculator
- Ability to function independently for a sustained period of time
- No severe behavior or emotional problems
- Can handle and adapt to change; not overly stressed when things change
- Ability to be successful in competitive employment situations
- Desire and motivation to complete a postsecondary education program
- Have health insurance (Medicaid, Medicare, private)
- Be between the ages of 18-29 at the start of the program

## Application Information

Go to the FUTURE website or contact us at [FutureUT@utk.edu](mailto:FutureUT@utk.edu) for more information.