

Purpose

- ⇒ To give students with disabilities the opportunity to meet non-disabled peers and build relationships in a college environment, increasing inclusion opportunities.
- ⇒ To increase basic life skills and work experience skills in order to foster maximum independence and success in entering the work force.
- ⇒ To provide a “learning lab” type environment for undergraduate Miami Dade College students to work with students with disabilities.
- ⇒ To provide an environment where Miami Dade College students could do observations, conduct lessons, consult with M-DCPS staff, etc., thereby receiving on campus, practical experiences.



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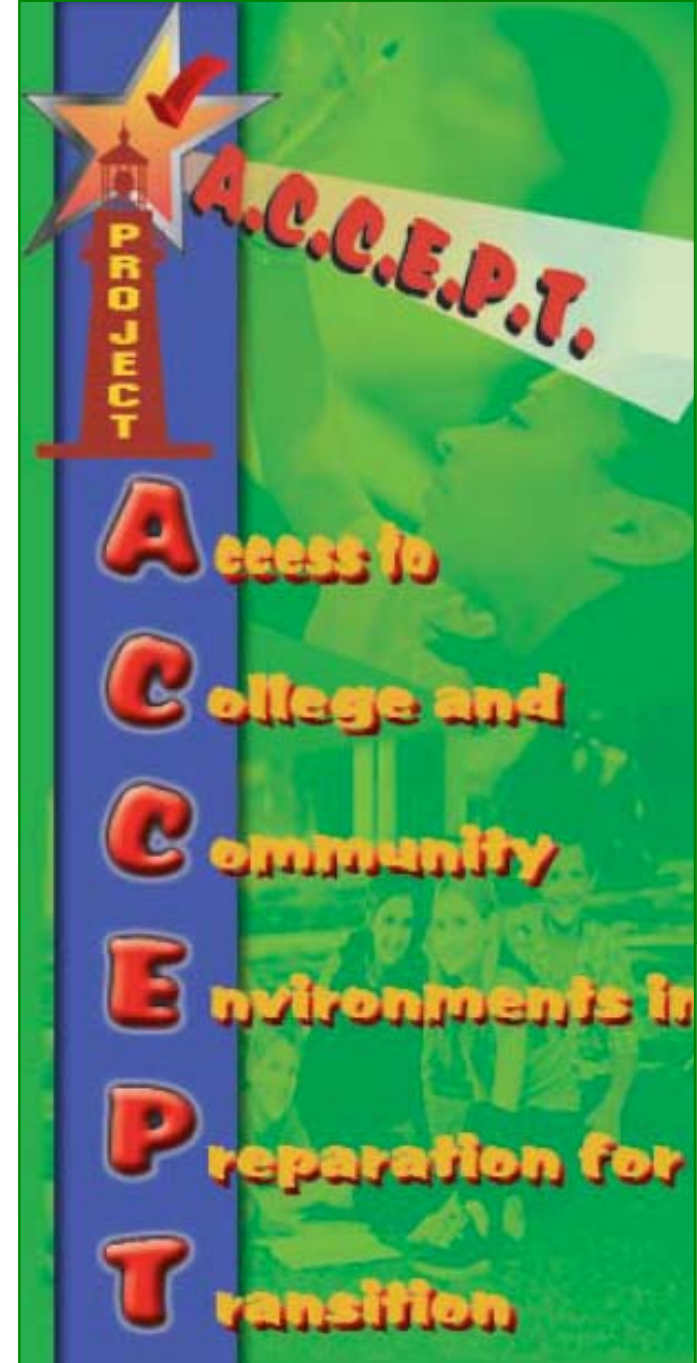
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What is Project ACCEPT

Project A.C.C.E.P.T. (Access to College and Community Environments in Preparation for Transition) provides students with developmental disabilities an opportunity to interact with same age peers in a college environment.

Eligibility Criteria

- ⇒ Be 18-22 years of age.
- ⇒ Be capable of changing classrooms independently.
- ⇒ Be able to participate in small group activities.
- ⇒ Be able to follow simple directions.
- ⇒ Be able to remain seated in chair without supervision and/or assistance for a one-hour period.
- ⇒ Does not require extensive supervision for acute or chronic conditions, such as special diets or seizures.
- ⇒ Displays a level of social maturity conducive to a college environment.
- ⇒ Be able to maintain personal self-care and hygiene appropriately.



Benefits

- ▶ Access to a learning environment with appropriate peers
- ▶ Work focus
- ▶ Tailored instruction
- ▶ Job support
- ▶ Assistance in securing paid employment
- ▶ A network of supports between education, families, employers and service providers
- ▶ Access to college resources and expertise



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Program Goals

- ⇒ To provide a smooth transition from high school to work that allows for the on-the-job training.
- ⇒ To provide a learning environment that allows students who are 18-22 years of age to learn and grow socially among their peers.
- ⇒ To utilize the rich resources of the College setting in order to teach students the skills necessary to find and maintain employment in the community.
- ⇒ To enable the student to secure employment and also to ensure that natural supports are in place to help the student through his/her adult career.
- ⇒ To open avenues to greater independence



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