

INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (IPSE)



IPSE gives students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to attend college with their peers who may or may not have a disability. They participate in the same classes, same clubs, same residences, and same athletics as students who may not have an intellectual disability.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 9 GA COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

SINCE 2013, 273 STUDENTS HAVE
GRADUATED FROM IPSE IN OUR STATE.

130

STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED
STATEWIDE IN IPSE.

- Albany Technical College (Albany)
- Columbus State University (Columbus)
- East Georgia State College (Swainsboro)
- Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta)
- Georgia Southern University (Statesboro)
- Georgia State University (Atlanta)
- Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw)
- University of Georgia (Athens)

**Berry College Program opening Fall, 2024*

“The IPSE programs are an amazing opportunity for kids that wouldn’t be able to fulfill a lifelong dream of going to college. I never imaged the changes this program would have on Payton as an individual. It has been life changing. Grants for these programs are especially important for families with limited income who could not otherwise afford this opportunity. Disney isn’t the only place where dreams come true!”

-Lynn Ashcraft, Parent of Current IPSE Student



74%

*of GA IPSE graduates live in a rented apartment or home that is not their family home. 22% live independently.

250

small businesses and corporations in Georgia employ IPSE interns and graduates.

97%

of Georgia IPSE graduates have health insurance.*

**data from 2021-2022 graduates collected 90 days after graduation*

NATIONALLY, STUDENTS EXITING AN IPSE PROGRAM ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED COMPARED TO ADULTS SERVED BY THEIR STATE'S I/DD AGENCIES ALONE

and 1.6 times more likely to be employed compared to adults with independent living disabilities receiving support from their VR Agencies alone.



ADVOCACY AT THE CAPITOL THIS YEAR

While IPSE Grants cover tuition costs, the current allocation does not fully fund the scholarships to include mandatory IPSE-specific fees that students must pay along with tuition. IPSE program fees are not typical campus or student fees, but additional costs that provide the necessary staff & resources to support IPSE students.

GEORGIA CURRENTLY ALLOCATES \$955,830 FOR IPSE GRANTS (SCHOLARSHIPS) THROUGH THE GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION. THESE FUNDS COVER TUITION AT PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

THIS YEAR WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$1,444,170 IN THE GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION'S BUDGET FOR IPSE GRANTS TO FULLY FUND TUITION AND REQUIRED IPSE PROGRAM FEES FOR OUR STUDENTS. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR \$2.4. MILLION IN TOTAL IPSE GRANTS.

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