



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

Dr. Misty Vetter Parsley, Director of IDEAL at Lipscomb University, answered common questions about the program.

Q: How do you ensure your students are actively involved with the greater college community?

A: Our students participate in all aspects of college life including academic classes, Greek life, student activity center, intramural sports, and student support services. They are registered students which gives them access to transcripts, financial aid, and other student services. Because of their on-campus internships, they are well-known throughout campus.

Q: What types of academic and social supports does your program offer?

A: Our students audit two university classes and take two specialty courses per semester. They receive peer mentoring three times a week to help them complete their class assignments and stay organized. Peer mentors also exercise with them in the student activity center, eat lunch with them, and hang out in the student center.

Q: What does the application process look like?

A: Students complete an online application and send in relevant paperwork such as reference letters, an IEP, and a psychological report. Students are selected to come in for an interview and may be chosen for a trial day on campus.

Q: What skills should prospective students have prior to applying to your program?

A: Students with basic reading and writing skills, functional communication skills, and a strong motivation to attend college typically do well in the program.

Q: What sorts of outcomes have alumni of your program achieved?

A: 75% of our graduates are employed at least part-time. One student was accepted as a traditional college student at a state college. Two of our students are living on their own in apartments.