**Q&A with The EDGE Program at Union University**

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| **Q:** What skills should prospective students have prior to applying to your program? |
| **A:** All prospective students must be able to sit in a 90-minute class without issue, take care of all personal hygiene matters, be responsible for behaviors, be respectful of Christian beliefs, and read on a 3rd grade level. |
| **Q:** What opportunities do you have for prospective students to visit campus? |
| **A:** Prospective students may set up tours at any time through the admissions office. The Union EDGE Program participates in two Days at the U events, one in November and one in February. |
| **Q:** What does the application process look like? |
| **A:** EDGE begins accepting applications on October 1 each fall. Our application may be found at [www.uu.edu/EDGE](http://www.uu.edu/EDGE). This application, along with the admissions’ fee, must be received no later than February 15th in order to be considered for the following fall. Each student is interviewed as a part of the process and may be asked to return for a Day at the U event. |
| **Q:** What types of academic and social supports does your program offer? |
| **A:** Each EDGE student has 5 assigned mentors to help them learn to navigate campus and acclimate to college life. EDGE offers tutoring as needed to our students taking audited classes. |
| **Q:** How do you ensure your students are actively involved with the greater college community? |
| **A:** There are specific events where EDGE mentors are asked to include students to be a part of on a regular basis. Students are welcomed to participate in any event on our campus that traditional students are a part of. |
| **Q:** How does your program differ from the other Comprehensive Transition Programs in Tennessee? |
| **A:** We are unapologetically a Christian education experience. Our world view is threaded throughout our campus and residence life. |
| **Q:** What types of work experiences or employment opportunities does your program offer (paid/unpaid)? |
| **A:** Year one students have unpaid internships on campus; year two students have paid internships off campus. |
| **Q:** What sorts of outcomes have alumni of your program achieved? |
| **A:** We have EDGE graduates living independently and working regularly. We have a 91% employment rate. |
| **Q:** Is there anything else we should know about your program? |
| **A:** EDGE is a primarily residential experience. Students who live on campus are expected to abide by all Union University rules and policies just as typical students are. Students are not monitored 24/7. They have the same responsibilities and ownership of behavior as all other Union University student. |

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