

LIFE Programs in SC

Currently South Carolina has five comprehensive transition programs located at USC, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston, and Winthrop University. As the school year begins, the LIFE programs are hosting Open House or campus tours. Get your FAFSA filled out for scholarship and grant opportunities and check out the dates below:

CarolinaLIFE, University of South Carolina

CarolinaLIFE is an individualized, non-degree program for students with identified, diverse learning needs (e.g. intellectual disability). The program curriculum focuses on five core areas: academic instruction, career education and training, independent living, social and community engagement, and personal development.

CarolinaLIFE hosts an annual informational meeting for prospective students and their families, teachers, transition coordinators, and other community partners. Individual visits may also be arranged for students in their junior and senior year of high school. USC campus tours are available to prospective students through the USC Visitor Center. These tours do not cover information specific to CarolinaLIFE. CarolinaLIFE does not accommodate large group visits. For more information about CarolinaLIFE visits, contact Stephanie Edwards at livesays@email.sc.edu

ClemsonLIFE, Clemson University

ClemsonLIFE program at Clemson University is designed for students with intellectual disabilities who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus. The mission of the ClemsonLIFE Program at Clemson University is to provide a coordinated course of study that includes career exploration and preparation along with self-awareness, discovery, and personal improvement through a framework of courses, job internships, and community participation.

Fall Open House:

ClemsonLIFE Open House
Saturday, October 21st
Online registration coming soon!

REACH Program, College of Charleston

The REACH Program at the College of Charleston is a four-year, fully-inclusive certificate program for students with mild intellectual and/or developmental disabilities that promotes the advancement of knowledge and skill in the areas of: academics; socialization; independent living; and career development.

Fall Open House:

Friday, September 29, 2017
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Registration Available Online Now!

LIFE Program, Coastal Carolina University

Coastal Carolina University LIFE program is a four-year, tuition-based, postsecondary education and transition program for young adults who have mild to moderate intellectual and/or developmental disabilities as defined by the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). The program which began in August 2009 is a cohort-structured program enrolling six to eight students each academic year. LIFE program staff and mentors facilitate and support each student's full integration within the campus community, both academically and socially, by utilizing natural campus and peer supports, for academic and social mentoring. The LIFE program prepares students with the life skills they need to complete their post-secondary education, gain and maintain meaningful employment, and live independent and productive adult lives.

If you would like to learn more about the Center or speak with a representative about working with the Center to visit the University or have University students visit your site, contact:
biddlecenter@coastal.edu.

Winthrop Think College, Winthrop University

Winthrop University's Think College Program (WTC) offers post-secondary education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities. The program creates customized schedules for each student using a person-centered planning approach. The schedules include traditional courses, internships, and specialty courses to support student development of specific skill sets. The focus of the Think College Program is to build and strengthen skills in the areas of employment, self-determination, health and nutrition, social networking, and independent living.

WTC hosts weekly campus tours for prospective students and their families, teachers, transition coordinators, and other agencies during the student's junior or senior year. Guests will tour the beautiful Winthrop University campus, meet with program staff, and have lunch with current students and peer mentors. For more information about Winthrop Think College visits, contact wtc@winthrop.edu