**Career and Community Studies (Non-Degree)**

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| **COLLEGE:** | College of Education, Health and Human Services |
| **DEPARTMENT:** | School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences |
| **CAMPUS(ES):** | Kent Campus |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | Career and Community Studies is a college-based, transition, non-degree program to prepare students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ages 18-26) for adult life through academic pursuits, peer socialization, and career discovery and preparation. The program integrates inclusive classes, a typical college experience, and a transition curriculum to assist students in achieving adult roles and a quality of life in a community of their choice.  The first year of the program is designed as a foundation with courses covering disability issues, personal development, health and wellness, and literacies. Year two allows students to extend their knowledge and skills in participating in college-level courses and other campus environments. The last two years focus on career-field specialization with courses in independent living, life-long learning competencies, and career development and employment, as well as internships in the community where students apply their learning in jobs of choice. |
| **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:** | The Career and Community Studies program supports students for a career and employment in an area of the students’ strengths and interests. In the first year, students take courses in career exploration and preparation, which assess student interest, past experience and current skills. During sophomore and junior years, students undertake 6-12 hours of practicum experience in work settings throughout campus. Senior year-students have internships off campus in an area of their specific interest. Students may work up to 36 hours a week based on the individual site and student preference. Expected outcomes are gainful employment, either full or part time, in the student’s preferred career path. The program has established relationships with government agencies, local business and non-profit organizations. |
| **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** | The program is limited to 12 students each fall. Students participating in the program experience intellectual and developmental disabilities that may affect some intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior. Requirements for admission include reference letters and an in-person interview with the program’s admission review committee. |
| **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:** | None |
| **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** | Minimum 120 credit hours. Minimum 2.5 cumulative and major GPA. |
| **PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:** | Graduates of the program become more self-determined persons who are better prepared for independent living and the achievement of career goals. Graduates gain confidence in critical and independent thinking, and use their own voice and vision in order to be active and informed citizens. Alumni understand basic concepts of the academic disciplines, and apply imagination and creativity as they begin a lifelong pursuit of knowledge. As ambassadors for the Career and Community Studies program, graduates are aware of ethical implications of their own actions, and are positive role models who contribute to societal views concerning inclusion, community, and tolerance for diversity. |

Career and Community Studies (Non-Degree) – Program Requirements

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| **MAJOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (120 credits) Courses count in major GPA** | | | |
| **Course** | | **Title** | **Credits** |
| CCS | 00005 | College Orientation **1** | 1 |
| CCS | 00010 | Personal Exploration I: Nutrition and Physical Fitness | 3 |
| CCS | 00015 | Academic Experience I: Disability Awareness | 3 |
| CCS | 00020 | Technology Workshop I | 1 |
| CCS | 00025 | Financial Literacy I | 1 |
| CCS | 00030 | Physical Education I **2** | 1 |
| CCS | 00035 | Health and Wellness I: Personal Social Skills | 3 |
| CCS | 00105 | Introduction to Career Exploration | 1 |
| CCS | 00110 | Personal Exploration II: Independent Living and Leisure Education | 3 |
| CCS | 00115 | Academic Experience II: Self-Determination | 3 |
| CCS | 00120 | Technology Workshop II | 1 |
| CCS | 00125 | Financial Literacy II | 1 |
| CCS | 00130 | Physical Education II **2** | 1 |
| CCS | 00135 | Health and Wellness II: Human Sexuality | 3 |
| CCS | 00196 | Freshman Individual Study5 | 1-3 |
| CCS | 00205 | Career Exploration I | 1 |
| CCS | 00210 | Academic Success I | 4 |
| CCS | 00215 | Interpersonal Communications **3** | 3 |
| CCS | 00225 | Financial Literacy III | 1 |
| CCS | 00235 | Health and Wellness III: Injury Prevention | 3 |
| CCS | 00292 | Sophomore Practicum I | 3 |
| CCS | 00296 | Sophomore Independent Study5 | 1-3 |
| CCS | 00305 | Career Exploration II | 1 |
| CCS | 00310 | Academic Success II | 4 |
| CCS | 00325 | Financial Literacy IV | 1 |
| CCS | 00335 | Health and Wellness IV: Healthy Living/Substance Abuse | 3 |
| CCS | 00392 | Sophomore Practicum II | 3 |
| CCS | 00395 | Special Topics **4** | 1-6 |
| CCS | 00396 | Junior Independent Study5 | 1-3 |
| CCS | 00405 | Career Preparation I | 3 |
| CCS | 00420 | Academic Support I | 3 |
| CCS | 00492 | Junior Practicum III | 4 |
| CCS | 00495 | Special Topics **4** | 1-6 |
| CCS | 00496 | Senior Independent Study5 | 1-3 |
| CCS | 00505 | Career Preparation II | 3 |
| CCS | 00520 | Academic Support II | 3 |
| CCS | 00592 | Junior Practicum IV | 4 |
| CCS | 00595 | Special Topics **4** | 1-6 |
| CCS | 00605 | Community Life I | 1 |
| CCS | 00606 | Community Life I Laboratory | 3 |
| CCS | 00692 | Senior Internship I | 1-12 |
| CCS | 00695 | Special Topics **4** | 1-6 |
| CCS | 00705 | Community Life II | 1 |
| CCS | 00706 | Community Life II Laboratory | 3 |
| CCS | 00792 | Senior Internship II | 1-12 |
| CCS | 00795 | Special Topics **4** | 1-6 |
| **MINIMUM TOTAL** | | | **120** |

1. Students enrolled in CCS 00005 College Orientation also will attend sessions of the Kent State course US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience.
2. Students enrolled in CCS 00030 and CCS 00130 Physical I/II also will attend sessions of different Kent State PEB (Physical Education–Basic) courses.
3. Students enrolled in CCS 00215 Interpersonal Communications also will attend sessions of sessions of the Kent State course COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication.
4. Students enrolled in CCS 00395 Special Topics also will attend sessions of Kent State courses selected in consultation with an advisor.
5. Students enrolled in CCS 00196 Independent Study will need prior approval from their CCS Academic Advisor and the topic must pertain to a career field of interest.