UMKC’s Propel Program is a federally-funded, academically inclusive two-year college program for students with intellectual developmental disabilities. Focusing on self-determination and employment; students in the Propel Program set and work toward personal goals, make friends, live independently and seek competitive employment.

The Propel Program is housed in the UMKC College of Arts and Sciences, within the Department of Psychology.

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BUILD…
- Lifelong friendships
- A larger community of support
- Stronger self-confidence

EARN…
- The Leadership, Employment, and Community Engagement Certificate
- Internship and Service – Learning opportunities

LEARN…
- Individualized, person-centered program of study
- Independent living skills
- Strategies for employment

DEVELOP…
- Communication techniques
- Expertise for today’s workplace
- Self-determination skills

Propel Courses and Focus

1st Semester
- College Study Skills, Person Centered Planning, Communications, Personal Finance
- Get to know UMKC Campus, Transition from secondary education to college, and build relationships with Faculty, staff, students and community

2nd Semester
- Developing a Career, Transitions Skills, Individualized Electives
- Branching out into interest through electives, student involvement, and work-based learning

3rd Semester
- Accessible, Inclusive Internships, Disability History and Culture and Individualized Electives
- Networking and connecting with the greater community, through work-based learning

4th Semester
- Learning and Disabilities, Writing, Creatively Sharing Your Story, and Individualized Electives
- Capstone work-based learning, transition through next steps such as continuing education and or employment training
- Graduate: Leadership, Employment, and Community Engagement Certificate

PROPEL

Propel is an academically inclusive, two-year program at UMKC. Students will attend class with students without intellectual developmental disabilities 60-70% of the time and be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours/semester). Individualized coursework based on personal goals will focus on: academic learning, work-based learning, career exploration, social learning and independent living skills.

- Students assisted with academic coaching, undergraduate mentors and other support services
- Option for participation in student organizations, service-learning and community engagement
- Develop communication skills through coursework, networking, using technology and making new friends

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