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“LION UP WITH LIONS CONNECTED”



WHAT IS LIONS CONNECTED (LC)?

A comprehensive post-secondary program that allows students with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) to enroll in Southeastern Louisiana University to have the “College Experience”



LC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lions Connected (LC) is to provide a personalized, comprehensive, post-secondary educational experience for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) by immersion into the “College Experience” while preparing for vocational opportunities and becoming contributing members of society

Program Goals

- **LC Students will:**
 - **Receive functional as well as academic instruction that will better prepare them to become independent individuals within their community.**
 - **Develop employment skills necessary to become a successful employee so that they will be able to be self-supportive.**
 - **Improve communication skills in order to better communicate within the workplace**
 - **Socialize with typical college peers**



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Age 18 -25 yrs. with Intellectual Disability**
- Certificate of Completion from High School – not eligible for traditional University admission**
- Manage basic self-care skills (e.g., dressing, personal hygiene)**
- Have a desire to go to college and a desire for personal independence**
- Demonstrate the following skills: basic math/counting skills, basic reading/writing skills, operate a calculator**

THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Audit 2 University Classes

(Academic and Health/P.E.)

Attend Life Skills Class

Conversational Speech (optional)

Participate in on-campus organizations

Attend Sporting Events

Participate in traditional On-Campus Events i.e. hang out in the Student Union, Library, and Pennington Center, etc



2-Year Curriculum

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (3 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (3 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)
1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (4 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (4 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)
Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)
Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)	Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)	Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)	Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)
Communication/Conversation Group (in CSD Clinic) or Introductory Work Experience (2 contact hours per week)	Communication/Conversation Group (in CSD Clinic) or Introductory Work Experience (2 contact hours per week)	Communication/conversation group (in CSD Clinic) (1 contact hour per week)	Communication/conversation group (in CSD Clinic) (1 contact hour per week)
9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester	9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester	Work Internship (6 contact hours per week)	Work Internship (6 contact hours per week)
4 audited credit hours per semester	4 audited credit hours per semester	9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester	9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester
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Program Hour Totals:

Contact Hours = 504

Audited Credit Hours = 16

4-Year Curriculum

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (3 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (3 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)
1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (4 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (4 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)
Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)
Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)	Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)	Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)	Audit 1 Kinesiology/Leisure Course (1 hour)
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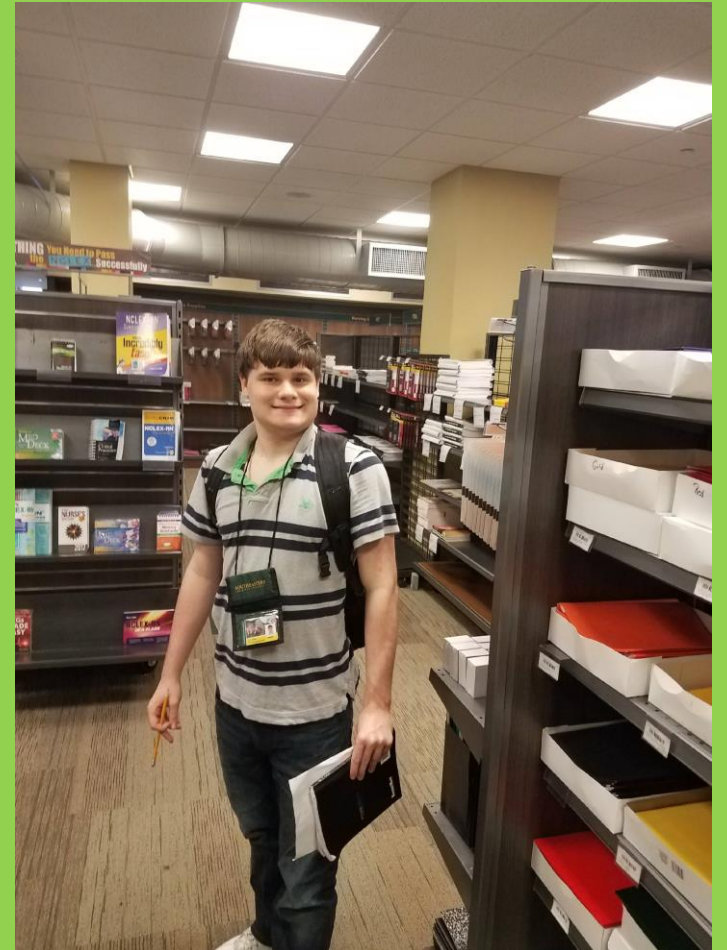
4-Year Curriculum (Cont...)

Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (2 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (2 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)	1 Lions Connected Life Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)
1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (3 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (3 contact hours per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)	1 Lions Connected Social Skills Course (1 contact hour per week)
Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)	Audit 1 Academic Course (3 hours)
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Work Internship or Vocational Training through NTCC (3 contact hours per week)	Work Internship or Vocational Training through NTCC (3 contact hours per week)	Work Internship (6 contact hours per week)	Work Internship (6 contact hours per week)
9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester	9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester	9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester	9 contact hours per week/126 contact hours per semester
4 audited credit hours per semester	4 audited credit hours per semester	4 audited credit hours per semester	4 audited credit hours per semester

Program Totals:

Contact Hours = 1,008

Audited Credit Hours = 32





Program Cost

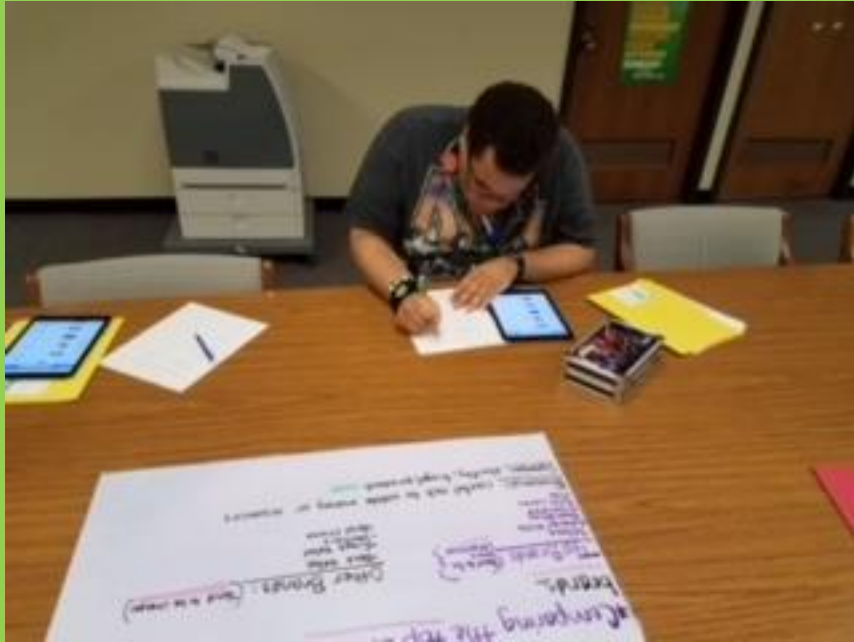
- The current program fee for students is \$3,000.00 per semester
- The Lions Connected Program offers a 2- year or a 4- year curriculum. The curriculum incorporates functional, academic, communicative, social, and employment skills as well as goals for LC students.



Mentoring

- Academic and Social Mentors are with each LC student every step of the way.
- The Mentors are there to ensure that LC students are fully engaged on campus.
- Academic Mentors attend class with our LC students, help with class assignments, and provide homework support.
- Social Mentors hang out with our LC students while enjoying lunch in the Student Union, during campus events, or by playing sports and/or exercising in the Pennington Center.





- Year 2: 10 students enrolled
 - 6 on the spectrum (PDD-Asperger's)
 - 4 with Down Syndrome
 - 5 female and 5 male
 - 7 Caucasian – non Hispanic ; 3 African American
- Their areas of interest include theater, early childhood education, marketing, foreign language, dance, coaching, and philosophy.



Exciting News

- Comprehensive Transition Program Accreditation and Title IV Funds – anticipated Spring 2018, met/exceeded all Federal program requirements- December 2017

- IDEA Opportunity Grant - Collaboration with local school districts for

***CUBS Connected –
Collaboration with Universities to
Bridge Services***



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