

RISE PROGRAM

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY



WHAT IS RISE?

The Reciprocal Inclusion Student Experience (RISE) program is an inclusive post-secondary education opportunity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program will allow students to earn industry-recognized certificates to increase their independence, career readiness, and quality of life. This is a true college experience where students will be fully immersed in what CSU has to offer... including living on campus!

BUILT FOR SUCCESS

Students will take a combination of independent living, career development, and self-determination and advocacy courses. They will also take general education classes with degree-seeking peers as well as placement in paid internships around Cleveland State University and in the community. We are thrilled to partner with the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County which will provide our students with even more opportunities for meaningful employment.



INDEPENDENT LIVING

Students will learn skills such as home safety, finance management, community navigation & safety, social skills, and healthy habit formation



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Career readiness skills such as resume writing, filling out applications, interviewing, and appropriate work place behavior will be addressed.



ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT

Students will learn about disability advocacy, their rights through ADA, and the power of choice in directing their lives.



GOALS ACHIEVED

Partnerships within and outside the University will provide students with unique opportunities for employment that fits them.