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CSUN EXPLORERS



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*Increasing the independence of students with
intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

PREPARATION

CSUN Explorers is an inclusive, postsecondary, two-year program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who do not have a high school diploma.

"This is an amazing program and I hope more faculty will engage with this opportunity."

Kandice Grote, Assistant Professor
Child and Adolescent Development

Students in the Explorers program increase their independence, and work and life skills by experiencing university life in an age-appropriate setting along with their peers through facilitated and non-facilitated interactions.

"This experience reminded me of the importance of tailoring our teaching in more personalized ways."

Julie Chekron, Lecturer
Communication Studies

Explorers take classes that focus on preparing them for transition to employment and the independent living of their choice. The Explorers curriculum is based on the current best practices of inclusive postsecondary education.

We Foster Independence and Opportunity

CSUN Explorer, Carli Jaques



BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY

- Two-year program for individuals between the ages of 18-28 who are identified with intellectual/developmental disabilities and do not have a high school diploma.
- Enrollment through Open University.
- Take two classes each semester with CSUN undergraduate students.
- Participate in clubs and other activities on the campus.
- Peer Mentor is identified in each academic course and club.
- During the Explorers second year, they are placed in internships on campus and in the community.