

## Profiles of Ohio's Postsecondary Programs for College Students with ID



**Name of Program:** Youngstown State University – Transition Options in Postsecondary Settings

**College/University:** Youngstown State University

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**Comprehensive Transitions and Postsecondary Program (CTP) Status:** Applying

<b>Annual Costs:</b>	Tuition and Fees:	\$9,204
	Room and Board:	Not Offered

For non-degree seeking TOPS students, the costs per semester follows: tuition for YSU course \$1,125.91 per enrollment in a 3-hour course; and TOPS Program Fee: \$2,300.00.

### **Program Description:**

The TOPS Program fee covers access to: a) student-focused planning to guide course selection, programming, and support development; b) support services for inclusive learning experiences through participation in cultural, educational, recreational, and social activities (i.e., educational coaches); c) support services to engage TOPS students in career development experiences, including internships, career-focused training, and competitive employment at YSU and within community businesses; and d) access to TOPS courses (e.g., developing self-determination skills; technology for learning, living, and careers; financial literacy; community living skills; and communicating and advocacy in the workplace and community).

### **Questions:**

#### **Describe the academic services?**

- Types of inclusive classes that students enroll: YSU-TOPS students access inclusive academic classes based on interests and academic and career goals. These classes can be audited or taken for academic credit. Students can readily access classes targeted for individuals who are conditionally admitted to YSU. The listing of courses can be viewed at the following URL: <http://www.ysu.edu/ebulletin/general-information/conditional-admission>
  - Examples of classes include: Success in Career & Life Planning; Intro to Health & Wellness; College Success Skills; Intro to Environmental Science, Computer Literacy
- Students may receive in-class and out-of class supports. In-class supports are provided by a TOPS education coach who are YSU students enrolled in special education, psychology, applied behavior analysis, and counseling. Out-of-class supports include instruction in study strategies, note taking, writing, and tutoring in class content.

- Students may also receive academic support through programs operating within YSU's Center for Student Progress (CSP), supported by TOPS education coaches as needed. The CSP serves as the hub of student support services, representing 8 programs targeting diverse populations and intensity of needs. The programs include: First-Year Student Services, Adult Learner Services, Multicultural Student Services, Student Tutorial Services, Individual Intervention Services, Supplemental Instruction Services, Orientation Services, and Disability Services. The Reading and Study Skills Center also provides supports for students, including credit-earning courses targeting various thinking, listening, test/note-taking, and reading strategies.

**Describe employment experiences and outcomes?**

Types of internships: Students may access internships on the YSU campus, including positions within the YSU Recycling Program, McDonough Museum, Child Care Center, and Pete's Treats Information Desk. The majority of internships are non-paid.

**How are employment services and supports provided?**

Employment supports are provided by TOPS Graduate Assistants and YSU students. Instructors and YSU students participate in ongoing training and professional development.

**Describe the independent living and residential services?**

There are no residential services. TOPS students participate in a TOPS-specific course that provides instruction related to independent living and community participation and access.

**Describe the counseling and supports that are available for students with ID?**

Students can access typical university services as well as specialized services through YSU-TOPS. When students access university services through the Center for Student Progress, they are supported by peer mentors. Students have also contracted with autism providers in Mahoning County to provide counseling and support services.