



## TerpsEXCEED

*University of Maryland – College Park, Center for Transition and Career Innovation*

**Location:** Statewide

**Funding:** \$100,000 | \$33,333 match

### GOAL

Create a college program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the University of Maryland – College Park. The program will be inclusive.

### SUMMARY

The Center for Transition and Career Innovation (CTCI) will develop and run a new inclusive program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This means the students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will:

- Take classes with students that do not have intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Use the same buildings and services the other students use.
- Participate in student activities with students that do not have intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.

The students in the TerpsEXCEED program will also take some classes that are just for students with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.

The program will prepare students for work and adult life. All classes and activities will be on the College Park campus. Mentors and other support will help students be a part of college campus life with students that do not have disabilities. Students will have new experiences. They will gain new skills and abilities.

The CTCI has experience with these types of programs. It provides information and assistance to colleges and universities in Maryland.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Develop an inclusive college program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program will include:
  - college classes,
  - classes that teach life skills,
  - work opportunities where students learn and develop new skills,
  - person-centered planning, and
  - peer mentors.
- Promote the program so people know about this opportunity. This will also help CTCI get more funding to support TerpsEXCEED.
- Sign up 5 students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the first year (Fall 2021).
- Apply to become a Comprehensive Transition Program. This will make it possible for students to apply for federal financial aid to help pay for the program.

## **OUTCOMES**

- More college education options for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- More students with intellectual and developmental disabilities attend inclusive college programs in Maryland.
- More people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in community jobs they choose.