



Next Step at Vanderbilt University

A 2-year non-degree college program for 18- to 26-year-old students with intellectual disabilities



WHAT IS NEXT STEP?

Next Step promotes the idea that higher education can be an opportunity for all students to gain greater self-awareness, and that it can provide access to social networks, employment, and independence.

In addition to the academic program, students have access to the Student Life Center, recreation and exercise activities, sporting and entertainment events, and student clubs and organizations.

Complete admissions criteria, applications, and important dates are available on the Next Step website.

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WHAT DOES NEXT STEP LOOK LIKE?

As students progress through their program, they have access to the following classes and activities, with supports as needed:

- Regular Vanderbilt University classes
- Life skills training
- Internships on and off campus for career exploration and for the development of employment skills
- Career training at the Tennessee Technology Center
- Participation in Vanderbilt Best Buddies activities
- Supports in finding, interviewing, and ideally securing paid employment before completion of the program

