Postsecondary Symposium:

Residential Living

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UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANT PROGRAM

Post secondary education program for students with intellectual disability

• Founded in 1889
• Located in Cullowhee, NC (near Great Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains; 52 miles from Asheville)
• Total Enrollment of 10,382; 57% female, 43% male
• 600 acreage campus with 13 residence halls
• 115 areas of study

http://www.wcu.edu/about-wcu/fast-facts.asp
• University Participant (UP) Program started in 2007:
  – two year, inclusive residential transition program for college-aged individuals with intellectual disability
  – Supports up to 8 students per year
  – Currently funded as a model demonstration TPSID site in NC (satellite partnerships)
  – Continued university funding for two more years

Blue Ridge Hall
Norton Road Hall


Private Room Floor Plan

Shared Bathroom

UP Suitemate  UP Student
Residential Cost and Fees

Residence Hall per Semester

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<th>Residence Hall</th>
<th>Single</th>
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**STANDARD HOUSING INCLUDES ALBRIGHT-BENTON, BUCHANAN, SCOTT AND WALKER.

Administrative Support

- Residential Living gives initial input during and throughout our Admissions Process
- We welcome their expertise and value their overall teamwork with student living
- We remain transparent, but realistic with any special requests (meal plans, move out times, emergency procedures)
- RAs help UP students the same way they help other students (UP staff provides initial disability training when requested)
Student Supports

• Undergraduate students are natural supports in dorms = age-appropriate environment
• Designated suitemates for UP students (contract)
• Provides more opportunity for independence:
  – Independent living skills (cooking, cleaning, laundry, hygiene, home maintenance)
  – Social skills (respecting neighbors, quiet hours)
  – Leadership skills (resident hall activities/clubs)
  – Self-advocacy skills (without as much family support)
• Residential living IS part of the college experience

**SUPPORT NEEDS AND LEVELS**

**Level 1**
• Time management
• Monitor morning/evening routine occasionally
• Homework help, organization for morning
• Independently planning some weekends/lower level of weekend support

**Level 2**
• Time management
• Monitor morning/evening routine occasionally
• Homework help, organization for morning
• Independently planning some weekends/lower level of weekend support

**Level 3**
• Hygiene/personal appearance
• Phone use and etiquette
• Morning/night routine (e.g., monitoring tooth brushing, shaving)
• Time management
• Monitoring medications
• Safety/precautionary behavior with strangers
• Behavior management (e.g. sneaking out, wandering halls at night, knocking on other students' doors, frequent vending machine visits)
• Some homework help, organization for morning
• Frequent weekends/ higher level of weekend support
• Homesickness
• Organization

**Level 4**
• Hygiene/personal appearance
• Phone use and etiquette
• Morning/night routine (e.g., monitoring tooth brushing, shaving)
• Time management
• Monitoring medications
• Safety/precautionary behavior with strangers
• Behavior management (e.g. sneaking out, wandering halls at night, knocking on other students' doors, frequent vending machine visits)
Addressing Safety and Liability

• Safety training with campus police
• Check in times at night
• Rehearsal of fire/tornado drills
• Checking peep holes
• Using door lock reminders
• First aid and “get well” kits
• Maintenance requests
• Medication schedules
• Emergency phone/keys

UP Program = Same Code of Conduct

WCU Community Creed:

— I will practice personal and academic INTEGRITY
— I will RESPECT the dignity and rights of all persons
— I will demonstrate concern for others and live up to my community RESPONSIBILITIES
— I will ENGAGE myself in the arts, culture, and intellectual life of the University
— I will celebrate and take PRIDE in Western Carolina University
Dorm Life and Stories of Success

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LET’S TALK ABOUT RESIDENTIAL LIVING

OPPORTUNITIES?

FEARS?

IDEAS?

BARRIERS?

ADVANTAGES?

SUCCESS?

GOALS?

CHAMPIONS?
Contact Us: up.wcu.edu

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