Setting Up Inclusive Campus Residential Options

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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
Negotiation and Partnerships

- 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 as requested)

Student Supports

- Undergraduate students are natural supports in dorms = age-appropriate environment
- Designated suitemates for UP students (contract)
- **Benefits of living on campus in inclusive dorms:**
  - 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
Safety and Emergency Procedures

- 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
Dorm Life and Stories of Success

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