



Next Steps at Vanderbilt University

A 4-year, non-degree college program for
18- to 26-year-old students with intellectual disabilities

What is Next Steps at Vanderbilt?

Next Steps at Vanderbilt 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 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 Steps at Vanderbilt website (NextSteps.vanderbilt.edu).

GRADUATION RATE = 86%
EMPLOYMENT RATE = 86%

What does the Next Steps at Vanderbilt program 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
- Independent living training
- Internships on and off campus for career exploration and for the development of employment skills
- Individual peer mentor circle comprised of over 7 university students each semester
- Participation in Vanderbilt Best Buddies activities
- Supports in finding, interviewing, and ideally securing paid employment before completion of the program

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