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Announcing Florida IPSE Credential Guidance Brief Series

The Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education is pleased to announce the availability of the NEW **IPSE Credential Guidance Brief Series**: a set of six stand-alone briefs to guide *IPSE staff, and secondary educators* in developing an IPSE credential and the supporting program of study. The first four briefs will be the most informative for *students and families* regarding what to look for in an IPSE credential and program of study when exploring colleges. The fact that Florida has reached this level of development in IPSE programs, for students with intellectual disability, speaks to the level of rigor and credibility of Florida's IPSE programs.

The **Florida IPSE Credential Guidance Brief Series** includes:

- # 1 **Background on Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE)** – The steps that brought us to federal and state support for these programs and their expected outcomes.
- # 2 **Programs of Study** – The types of programs of study available in Florida for students with intellectual disability.
- # 3 **Exploring Existing Credentials** – Examples of the existing credentials and programs of study available.
- # 4 **Partnerships toward Credential Development** – An explanation of community and institutional partners and agency connections to assist students to transition from college to successful employment and increased independence in life activities.
- # 5 **FCIHE Credential Action Planning Tool (FCAPT)** for IPSE Programs – A tool of steps to develop an IPSE credential and program of study.
- # 6 **Credentialing Resources** – A list of available credential-specific resources primarily for an institution of higher education when developing a new credential and program of study.

The briefs will be available for download through the www.FCIHE.com website, [Resources/Program Development](#) pages. Look for a new Brief to be uploaded every few weeks, in the coming months. These documents may be copied and distributed at will as long as the citation found on the last page of each brief is present or referenced.

Please find the first brief [here](#), **# 1 Background on Inclusive Postsecondary Education** on the www.FCIHE.com website.

Career & Technical Education:

A message from the **Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC)**

Florida is a national leader in inclusive postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The FDDC funded **Florida State College at Jacksonville's** Project ACHIEVE until 2016, to develop additional supports that enabled students with IDD to earn their CTE career certificates by attending the same courses as their peers without IDD. During those five years, 72% of students with IDD completed their CTE certificate programs (49 of 68 students). Of those completers, 83% obtained paid employment. These students achieved industry certifications in 12 CTE programs!

Currently, FDDC is funding Project TOPS, at **Robert Morgan Education Center and Technical College** and with Miami-Dade School District, to create a model inclusive postsecondary CTE program (for students with IDD) for technical colleges to replicate. Students are truly reaching the top with 89 % (35 students), in the 2017-18 school year, who demonstrated satisfactory academic progress. In 2019, the first six students who took industry certification exams earned their Adobe Certified Associate credential. FDDC continues to work toward developing sustainable inclusive postsecondary CTE programs in Florida's dual postsecondary CTE system.



Upcoming Events

[A Look at Transition Related Resources & Beyond for students with disabilities Webinar](#): Free

August 30, 11:30 AM

The goal of this webinar is to assist transitioning students with disabilities, their families and other community partners, to identify available resources and work together to access resources appropriate to the student's needs.

[Self-Advocate & Family](#)

[Focus Symposium](#): Free

February 2020, Orlando

Check the website for more information as it becomes available.

[Florida CEC Conference](#):

October 13-15, Daytona Beach
\$80 and up

Learn about best practices and current research regarding students with disabilities.

[State of the Art Conference](#):

November 13-14, Las Vegas
\$70 and up

Provides the opportunity to learn about the current state of research and practice in the field.