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UI REACH PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION
WINTER/SPRING 2021

YOUR FUTURE IS WITHIN REACH!

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UI REACH Program

ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL, COGNITIVE AND LEARNING DISABILITIES

UI REACH INFORMATIONAL VIDEO



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PXCbt3hHQ>

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UI REACH – Promotional Presentation Fall 2020

Quick Facts About UI REACH

Name of University: **University of Iowa – BIG 10 University; UI REACH**

Type of School: **4 Year Certificate Program with 2 and 3 year options**

Location: **Iowa City, Iowa**

Size: **University- over 32,000 & UI REACH – 41 in-person in Fall 2020**

Featured Programs/Majors or Fun Facts:

- **Fully residential and fully inclusive**
- **18 full-time professional staff to support students**
- **Person Centered Planning helps each individual reach specific S.M.A.R.T. goals**
- **National and international in scope and recruiting**
- **ACT WorkKeys as part of curriculum and all students work to attain at least Bronze Level**
- **88% of UI REACH students are employed after graduation ***
 - ****Note: New figures from surveying all graduates of program in 2019-2020.***



VISION AND MISSION



→ Vision

Our vision is to empower young adults to become independent, self-determined individuals whose lives are personally rewarding.

→ Mission

Our mission is to provide an integrated Big Ten University experience which equips young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence through campus involvement, career development, coursework, and residence hall living. We strive to develop and implement best practices in post-secondary education within our field through collaborative research.

PROGRAM STANDARDS

- *Programs across the country will have standards that may be similar or more specific*
- Academics and Lifelong Learning: Demonstrate lifelong learning skills, including practical academic skills
 - Career and Vocation: Demonstrate understanding of individual career exploration and workplace readiness
 - Community and Leisure: Demonstrate preparedness for community life and leisure activities
 - Independent and Daily Life: Demonstrate competence in independent and daily life skills
 - Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination: Demonstrate the use of self-advocacy and self-determination skills
 - Social and Interpersonal: Engage appropriately in social and interpersonal interactions



KEY ACADEMIC & FUNCTIONAL SKILLS AREAS

- UI REACH is a post-secondary EDUCATIONAL experience
- While the UI REACH program provides access to University of Iowa courses, the UI REACH program also provides supplemental instruction in key academic and functional skill areas
 - We use high leverage/evidence-based practices to significantly increase reading and writing skills
 - We use explicit instruction to teach social skills instruction and a healthy relationships class
 - Advisors and UI REACH staff intentionally create space and opportunities for students to practice self-advocacy and decision making
 - We use universal design in how we deliver content
 - We are integrating Accessible Technology (AT) into our classes to ensure every student is able to learn as they are best able



Application Process for UI REACH

- Common App/Institutional App: **Apply on our website** - <https://education.uiowa.edu/services/ui-reach-realizing-educational-and-career-hopes/apply-ui-reach>
- **Deadlines: To be considered for enrollment in Fall 2021, it is best to submit your application by December 31, 2020.** Preference will be given to those applicants whose completed materials are submitted prior to December 31, 2020, but applications can be submitted through March 31, 2021 in consideration for Fall 2021 admission.
- Application Materials (there is an Application Checklist online as well):
 - Application Fee
 - General Online Application
 - Skills Assessment
 - Three References
 - Intellectual Assessment
 - Most Recent High School Transcript



PREP SKILLS FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Work on early financial planning
- Include goal in IEP plan for Post Secondary Education
- Do your research on programs for best fit
- Visit programs as you would for traditional students
- Practice needed independent living skills
 - Take meds independently
 - Personal hygiene and grooming
 - Laundry
 - Cell phone usage
 - Technology usage
 - Navigation



ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS OF UI REACH (2019-2020)*

	Iowa Resident	Non-Resident
Program Fee	\$17,300.00	\$35,400.00
University Student Fees	\$1,533.00	\$1,533.00
Room and Board	\$10,855.00	\$10,855.00
Other estimated expenses	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$30,288.00	\$48,388.00

* *These are estimates and subject to change annually*

- UI REACH offers scholarships based on need as identified through FAFSA
- Federal PELL grants also available for those who qualify

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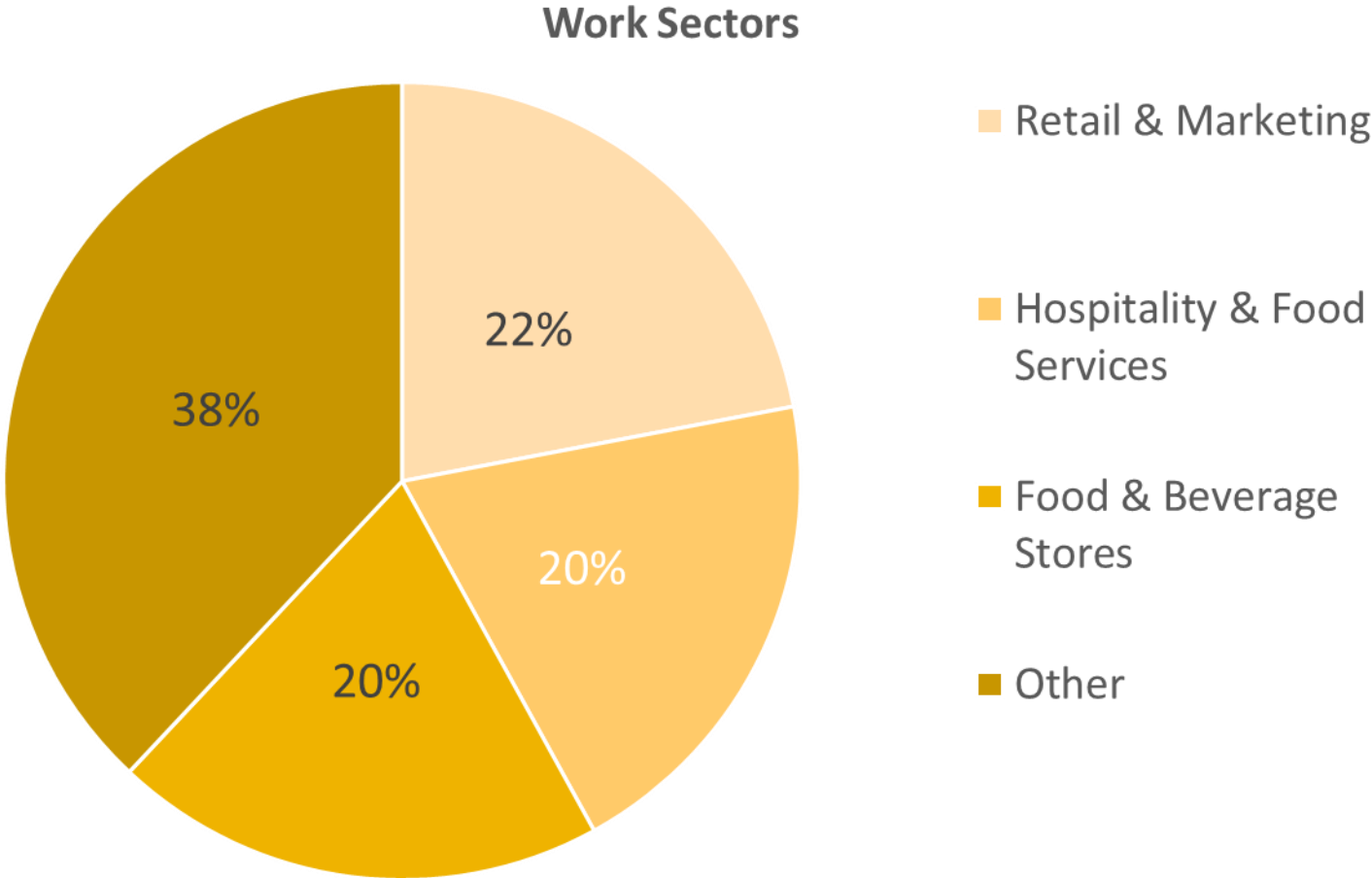


PAYING FOR UI REACH

- PELL
- Federally insured student loans not available (not credit bearing)
- Private Loans
- 529 savings programs
- Scholarships from the program based on FAFSA and other factors
- Local community scholarships
- Vocational Rehabilitation – every district can be different
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- Various foundation and program scholarships



WHERE ARE UI REACH GRADUATES WORKING?



EXTEND ALUMNI & CURRENT STUDENT EVENTS

- Bringing families together to support each other in a social environment
 - ReConnect Events
 - Family weekend
 - Homecoming events
 - Convocation
 - Mini ReConnect events put on by families



Student Disability Services

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- Name of Office: **Student Disability Services**
- Contact Person: **Mark M. Harris, Ph. D., Director**
- Location: **Student Disability Services; 3015 Burge Hall; Iowa City, IA 52245**
319-335-1462
Fax: 319-335-3973
sds-info@uiowa.edu
- Website: **<https://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu/>**

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Application Process for Students with Disabilities

Same as applying to UI REACH if you applying to the general University of Iowa then separate application process. UI REACH has its own admissions process as listed below:

- Where to find the application?: **Apply on our website - <https://education.uiowa.edu/services/ui-reach-realizing-educational-and-career-hopes/apply-ui-reach>**
- When to apply?: **To be considered for enrollment in Fall 2021, it is best to submit your application by December 31, 2020.** Preference will be given to those applicants whose completed materials are submitted prior to December 31, 2020, but applications can be submitted through March 31, 2021 in consideration for Fall 2020 admission.
- How to disclose?: On the online application.

Programs/Services Offered by the Student Disability Services Office

→ Common Accommodations:

- Adaptive furniture in the classroom
- Allow audio recording of class
- Allow short breaks during class or exams
- Alternatives for in-class presentations
- Class notes
- Deadline modification
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing accommodations
- Disability-related absence and deadline modification (DRADM)
- E-text for required textbooks
- Extended time for exams and quizzes
- Grammar/Spelling
- Large print
- Memory aid
- Preferential seating
- Priority registration
- Reduced distraction environment for exams and quizzes
- Scribe for Essay Exams
- Scribe for Scantron
- Use of a calculator
- Use of a computer or other adaptive equipment for exams
- World language substitution courses

Mental Health Resources



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University Counseling Service

Where to find them: <https://counseling.uiowa.edu/>

How to access : Currently enrolled students at the University of Iowa can call the UCS at (319) 335-7294 to schedule an appointment. To verify that you are eligible for services, check out our [eligibility FAQ](#).

- Parameters for numbers of sessions, etc:
- To begin individual therapy at the UCS, the first step is to [schedule a meeting](#) with a UCS staff member for an initial consultation appointment. This appointment provides an opportunity for you to discuss your concerns with a therapist and determine which service will best meet your needs. Based on this meeting, you and your consultant may agree that group or individual therapy would best suit your needs. If this is the case, the consultant will gather the necessary information from you so that you can begin therapy. The length of time from the initial consultation to starting therapy is determined by two main factors: Your preferences regarding characteristics of your counselor or group; and, availability of open slots for therapy. For the second half of the fall or spring semesters, it can take three to ten days to match you with your therapist. While waiting to be assigned to a counselor, you may call UCS any weekday at 8:00 a.m. to request a [Same Day Quick Access Appointment](#). Our individual therapy services are short-term in nature. This means that you and your assigned counselor will focus on resolving the immediate problems that brought you to the UCS and specific goals. Most students receive between three and eight sessions of counseling. Group, however, can be long-term counseling in which you may participate as long as you need.



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Disability Specific Resources

Any programs that are for specific disability categories (ex. Autism, Students with Physical Disabilities, etc)

UI REACH and Student Disability Services are the main resources on campus.

They will be able to get you in touch with other resources.

→ Name of Office: **Student Disability Services**

→ Website: **<https://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu/>**

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Informational Videos/Supplemental Materials

Links to College Tours/Disability Services Presentations, Summer Programming, Pre-College Programs etc.:

→ **UI REACH INFORMATIONAL VIDEO:**

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→ **INTERNSHIP VIDEO PROFILE – Danny McGregor-Huyer:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krtap1pleH8>

→ **A Dream Within REACH: Making the Hawkeye Marching Band | Iowa Magazine – Jack Emptage:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th5r0hl_xoo&feature=emb_title

→ **Virtual Tours for Families (go to website or call)**

→ **2021 Dates (will add more closer to fall):**

- Fri., Feb. 12, 10am central
- Mon., March 15, 4pm central
- Fri., Apr. 16, 10am central
- Mon., May 17, 4pm central
- Mon., June 14, 4pm central
- Fri., July 16, 10am central



CONNECT WITH UI REACH

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 Instagram: @uireach

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Contact us for more information, or to set up a presentation at your school or district or organization!

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Any Questions?



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