

Issue Brief

Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program



Continue funding for Florida's transition programs

“The purpose of the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities is to provide support to students, families, and institutions of higher education so that students with intellectual disabilities have opportunities for on-campus college experiences that lead to employment opportunities.”¹

What is the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP)?

“Signed into law by Florida’s governor on January 21, 2016, the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (the Act) (FS 1004.6495) established the **Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (FCSUA)** at the University of Central Florida and charged the Center with managing the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP) application and approval process. The Act also established criteria for FPCTP approval, **scholarship awards** for eligible students to attend approved programs, **grant awards** to promote **new program development** and **existing program enhancements**, and **accountability requirements** associated with these opportunities.”²

Benefits of inclusive postsecondary education:

- Increases independent living
- Provides inclusive and experiential postsecondary education
- Enhances employability skills for persons with disabilities who otherwise have a high rate of unemployment
- Offers meaningful campus experience to a population of individuals who historically have been underrepresented on college campuses

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“It is the intent of the Legislature that students with intellectual disabilities and students with disabilities have access to meaningful postsecondary education credentials and be afforded the opportunity to have a meaningful campus experience.” (FS §1004.6495(2))

¹The Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities. (2019). *FCSUA: Home*. FCSUA. <https://fcsua.org/index.php>

²Think College. (2016). *SB 672: Florida postsecondary comprehensive transition act*. Think College Resource Library. <https://thinkcollege.net/resource/state-legislation/sb-672-florida-postsecondary-comprehensive-transition-act>



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