

FAQ - GENERAL

WHO IS THE EDGE PROGRAM FOR?

The EDGE program is a two-year certificate program for students, ages 18-26, with a documented Intellectual or Developmental disability that want to receive an education in Employment Training, Daily Living Skills, Godly Focus, and Educational Enrichment.

WHAT IS THE EDGE PROGRAM LOOKING FOR IN AN APPLICANT?

We are looking for students that are highly motivated and desire to further their education in the areas of employment and independent living skills.

HOW MUCH DOES THE EDGE PROGRAM COST?

Tuition for the Union EDGE Program is \$8,500 per semester. Housing is between \$3850-\$4250, per semester. *Tuition and fees are subject to change*

WILL I QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Vocational Rehab, TN Step Up, and WIOA are all potential sources of funding for Inclusive Higher Education Programs.

CAN I COME TO CAMPUS AND SEE THE PROGRAM?

We have two Preview Days per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The dates for the 2023-2024 school year are November 10, 2023 and February 19, 2024. This is when we recommend prospective students come to campus.



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FAQ - APPLICATION

WHEN DOES THE APPLICATION OPEN?

The application opens on October 1, 2023.

WHAT KIND OF DIPLOMA DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR EDGE?

The EDGE program accepts all types of high school diplomas. Applicants do need to have received Special Education services and provide documentation of services by submitting their IEP and Psychological Evaluation with their Application.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

We accept 8-12 students per cohort in the EDGE Program.

IS THERE AN APPLICATION FEE?

The fee to apply to the EDGE Program is \$50, however, for applicants that apply before December 15, 2023, the fee will be waived.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED?

Admissions letters will be mailed out on or before March 15, 2024.



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FAQ - HOUSING

CAN STUDENTS IN THE EDGE PROGRAM LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Yes. In most cases, first year students live in the Freshman housing (called Heritage) and our second year students live in the upperclassmen housing (called the Quads).

WHO WILL MY ROOMMATE BE?

Students in the EDGE Program live alongside their typical peers. For most first year students, roommates are randomly assigned by Residence Life. In a student's second year, they are allowed and encouraged to request who they will live with.

WILL I HAVE TO SHARE A ROOM?

Every student has their own bedroom at Union! You will share a living space, kitchen, and bathroom with 2-3 others.

WHERE WILL I DO MY LAUNDRY ON CAMPUS?

Students living in Heritage Residence Complex have accessibility to laundry facilities in the Warmath Laundry facility. Each of the apartments in the Quads Residence Complexes equipped with a washer/ dryer unit.

IS THERE ANY SUPPORT FROM EDGE STAFF ON CAMPUS?

Currently, three of our EDGE Staff members reside on campus and are available for after hours emergencies.



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FAQ- SUPPORT

IS THERE ANYONE IN PLACE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN EDGE WHILE THEY'RE IN THE PROGRAM?

While we are always focused on increased independence and skill building in the EDGE Program, each student will have 3-5 mentors assigned to them to help support them as they transition to college.

WHAT KIND OF THINGS DO MENTORS DO?

Mentors are encouraged to look at their schedule and see what they can invite their mentee along with that they're already doing- meals, chapel, grocery shopping, movie nights, church, and so much more.

WHAT IF I DO NOT DRIVE?

EDGE staff assists in transportation needs in collaboration with students' mentors, roommates, and other relevant parties.

WHAT IF I GET SICK WHILE I'M AT SCHOOL?

Students can see a nurse practitioner for first-aid, medical advice, illnesses, or injuries in our on campus clinic. Many conditions that would be seen in a primary care office can be handled in Union's clinic. Students can get prescriptions filled at a local pharmacy.

I RECEIVED ACCOMMODATIONS/MODIFICATIONS IN HIGH SCHOOL. WILL THOSE FOLLOW ME TO COLLEGE?

EDGE Staff will assist in ensuring students have the needed supports inside and outside of the classroom! This is accomplished through Individualized Learnings Plans and Person Centered Planning.



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FAQ - CLASSES

WHAT KIND OF CLASSES WILL I TAKE?

Students in the EDGE Program take two classes within EDGE for credit and audit two classes in the typical learning environment alongside their peer each semester. The EDGE classes are focused on employment and independent life skills. Students also take a cooking course each semester.

CAN I PICK MY CLASSES?

Students in EDGE will receive a course catalog each semester before registration and submit their class selections to their Advisor. The EDGE Advisors will do their best to honor their advisee's requests.

HOW WILL I KEEP UP WITH MY CLASS SCHEDULE?

Students in EDGE receive a printed block schedule at the start of each semester that maps out their classes. Students will also utilize planning tools such as a planner and their Outlook calendar to work on the skill of managing their time.

WILL MY PROFESSORS KNOW I'M IN THE EDGE PROGRAM?

Professors receive a Student Profile from the EDGE staff that provides them with necessary information regarding their needs in a classroom environment. This is provided to the professor before the first day of classes each semester.

WILL I RECEIVE GRADES FOR MY CLASSES?

Yes! The classes for credit through the EDGE Program, as well as Cooking Lab, students receive grades on an A-F Grading Scale. Audited courses are Pass/Fail. Students will receive an End of Semester Report each semester with this information.



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