

# Career & Community Studies

at Portland State University

## What is Career & Community Studies?

Our pre-baccalaureate **certificate program** offers an inclusive, four-year college experience for students with **intellectual disability** at Portland State University.

## Our 3 Pillars

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### Academics

9 credits per term

#### Fully inclusive courses

Individualized course of study based on career path

**Weekly academic coaching and Individualized Learning Plans**

2

### Employment

**Career development activities (exploration, assessment and preparation)**

Integrated, competitive employment while in the program

**Graduate to career-focused employment**

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### Campus Life

Peer navigation with PSU students exploring campus life

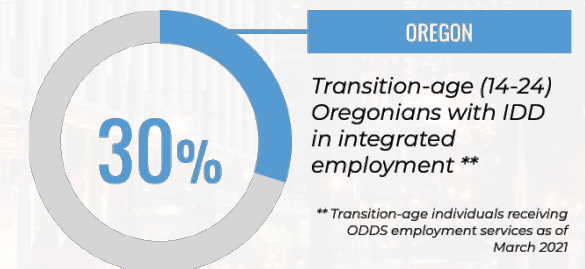
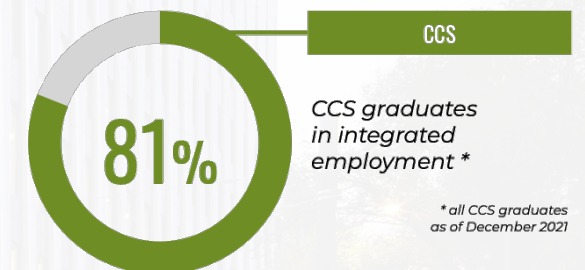
**Sports, student clubs, and other campus events**

Volunteering and service opportunities

**Inclusive campus housing for interested students**



## Outcomes



## Our Impact

SINCE FALL 2016:

14

graduates

34

students

32

jobs on and off campus

83

PSU student interns

83

PSU courses made inclusive

*"I really found myself in college, to be honest. It opened me up to all of the resources that I have. Everyone's there to help you succeed, and wants you to come out feeling happy about what you have accomplished."*

- CCS Alum



*"In case after case, CCS students prove themselves to be among the most enthusiastic, committed, and participatory students in their classes, providing a modeling of intrinsic motivation and growth mindset in ways that outperform many, if not most, of their peers in their classes."*

- PSU Faculty



*"We wanted the full college experience. CCS has delivered on that, in full."*

- Parent of a CCS Student

To learn more, visit our website:  
[pdx.edu/education/ccs](http://pdx.edu/education/ccs)

Career & Community Studies is the only inclusive, post-secondary education program for people with intellectual

## Accomplishments

IN THEIR TIME AT PSU, CCS STUDENTS HAVE...

- Served as Senator in student government
- Founded Unified Sports League on campus
- Interned with Special Olympics and Portland Pickles
- Spoken at College of Education commencement
- Published work with Think College
- Presented at statewide conferences
- Participated in campus wide committees for PSU events
- Started student-led news channel

... AND MORE!

