



THRIVE is a post-secondary program for students ages 18-25 years with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students have the opportunity to earn a 2-year Certificate of Success while living on campus and participating in courses and activities offered at University of Central Missouri. Upon completion of the program, students may continue coursework in a degree-seeking program or pursue a vocation depending on interests and academic abilities in our 3rd & 4th Year

Mission

THRIVE, as a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, will help empower students to be participating members of their communities and help them gain skills to attain competitive integrated employment.

Philosophy: Focus on self-determination as exemplified by the six threads of the THRIVE Program:

Transformation Health Responsibility Independence Vocation Education

Success will be measured by student outcomes that demonstrate equality of opportunity, full participation, vocational readiness, independent living, and self-sufficiency.

What is THRIVE?

- A 2-year program that earns a Certificate of Success at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri.
- Experienced instructors, advisors, and counselors to support each student.
- Core classes that emphasize academic enrichment, career development, life and social skills, and independent living.
- Person Centered Planning (PCP), career focus, and internships so students may experience employment opportunities that match their skills and interests.
- Residence hall living on campus supported by THRIVE student mentors.
- Integration into academic, social, residential, and community life.
- Collaborative partnerships with educational departments on campus and community businesses.
- THRIVE also has 3rd and 4th year options for students. (over)

Ideal Candidates for the THRIVE Program will:

- be between 18 and 25 years of age at the time of admission.
- have been diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability before age 18.
- have been eligible for a free, appropriate public education and have the ability to participate in an independent living environment.
- demonstrate basic skills in reading, writing, and math.
- possess a desire and potential to benefit from a post-secondary educational experience but are unlikely to meet the usual college admission criteria or to be successful in a traditional college degree program.
- be motivated to become an independent adult.
- possess sufficient emotional maturity and stability to participate in all aspects of a residential college-based program, with supports.
- demonstrate the ability to accept and follow rules and display respectful behavior.
- agree to attend and participate in classes and activities related to the THRIVE Program.
- be able to administer any necessary medications independently.

THRIVE – Making the Next Step Possible: Applications are due by the end of December.

Admission Process:

The THRIVE application process is designed to determine the compatibility of an applicant’s learning, performance, motivation, current life skills, and job interests with the mission of the THRIVE Program. The application material may be found and downloaded at www.ucmo.edu/thrive. Upon review of the completed application, a family interview is required as the second phase of the application process for those prospective students receiving a positive review.

THRIVE admissions committee evaluates the individual’s overall abilities, preparedness, and motivation. Neither diagnosis nor test scores alone determine if a prospective student is a good match for the THRIVE Program.

Costs: The following are the cost estimates for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Application Fee \$30

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
THRIVE fee	\$5550 Due by July 15		
Tuition	\$5025.00	\$5025.00	
Housing	\$3264	\$3264	
Meals	\$2016-2306	\$2016-2306	(3 options of Access Plans)
Total	\$15,855-\$16145	\$10305-10595	= \$26160-26740 for the school year.

Costs are based on UCM standard rates and are subject to change. Families are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov to be considered for need-based financial assistance: PELL Grants & Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

UCM federal school code is 002454.

For more THRIVE information: visit www.ucmo.edu/thrive or call the THRIVE office, at 660-543-4636 to make an appointment for a THRIVE Campus visit.