

# Is College Right for You?

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**Life & Career Studies**



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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

UW-WHITEWATER

**LIFE**

LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE



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**LAKELAND**  
UNIVERSITY

# LIFE AND CAREER STUDIES

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# Academics / Employment

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- **96+ audited credits**
  - 12 cr. / semester or full-time status
- **6 cr. of Life Skills coursework / semester (48 cr. Total)**
  - Cooking, Buying and Wellness
  - Personal Finance
  - Relationships or Interpersonal Skills
  - Recreation and Leisure
  - Employment Skills
  - Mental Health and Self-Care
  - Community Living – Housing
  - Safety
- **~24 cr. Inclusive Academics**
  - Academic Certificates (12-14 cr.)
  - General Ed Requirements (6 cr.)
  - Electives
- **~24 cr. Cooperative Education / Experiential**
  - Work experiences paired with learning opportunities
  - Progressive coursework
- **Academic Coaches & Study Halls**

# Campus Life

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## Full inclusion in all aspects of campus life

- **Clubs and Organizations**

- History club, Badminton club, Alphabet Soup, Pawsitism, Student Government

- **Fall Play and Spring Musical**

- THE 120 – Stagecraft

- **Greek Life**

- **Athletic "managers"**

- **Convocation**

- Speakers, Info sessions, special events

- **Involvement fairs, Career fairs**

(Except NCAA III Sports and Study Abroad)

- **Athletic Events**

- **Homecoming**

- **Muskie Extravaganza**

- **Intramural sports**

- **Dances, DJs and Taco Trucks**

- **E-Sports**

- **Mental Health events**

# Housing

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- **Grosshuesch Hall**
  - Single (with ADA Housing accommodation)
  - Double (usually with a trad student as roommate)
  - All first-year students
  - Any upper students still needing closer support
- **Brotz Hall**
  - Pod style with trad students
- **Apartments**
  - Housing fees restructured to mimic landlord/tenant relationship
- **Peer support roommates available** (extra fee)
- **Graduate Assistants on same floor in Grossh**
- **Peer Supports for DLS**



# Admission Criteria

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- **18-25 at time of admission**
- **Completed high school** (DPI recognized alternative diplomas accepted)
- **Willing to "Put in the WORK"**
  - Motivated and committed to attending college classes, completing programming and increasing independent living skills.
- **Able to follow Lakeland's Code of Conduct**
- **Able to manage Hygiene, Diet and Medications with "prompting" level of support**
- **Capacity to work semi-independently and productively for 90 min (like during class)**

## **Program needs:**

- Understands basic personal safety and has basic money management skills
- Reading and writing skills to respond to teams chats

# Finances

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- **TOTAL: \$30,636**

- Program Fee: \$17,000
- General Fee \$1,070
- Student Activity Fee: \$426
- Room (Grosshuesch Hall, Double Occupancy): \$5,690
- Board (Muskie Meal Plan): \$6,450

\*Does not include application fee, deposits, textbook or other expenses.

- **Add-On Services:**

- Transportation beyond weekly errand run or shuttle availability
- Medication (dispenser with app support or direct passing)
- Peer Coach as Roommate

- **Degree-Seeking students have different fee structure**

## Financial Support

- **IRIS** – billing \$6K-\$7000 / semester in Daily Living Skills Training

\*First-year students

- Scholarships for Sheboygan Co. Residents



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## Academics/Employment

- Specialized classwork in the LIFE classroom for functional skills – self-advocacy, daily living, safety, functional academics, etc.
- One university class at a time in an area of interest – ex: Bowling, Badminton, Intro to Special Education, Ecology and Society
- Students are structured 9:00-4:00 M-F, individualized based specific student goals and needs
- Students volunteer on campus in Year 2 and find paid employment (with support) in Years 3-4
- Includes collaborations with the special education preservice teachers and speech and language pathology graduate students to provide additional one-to-one or small group instruction

# Campus Life

- Many student organizations to build peer connections
- Dining Plans with many on-campus dining options
- Many events to keep folks engaged during the week  
- sports, the Down Under, Jitters, and UC Live



University of Wisconsin  
**Whitewater**

# Housing

- Years 1 & 2 – Tutt Hall
  - Roommate who is in the LIFE Program
  - ILAs living on the floor to provide wrap-around supports
  - Active dorm with lots of engagement
- Years 3 & 4 – Apartment
  - All LIFE students in the same building when possible
  - Individual bedrooms with peers in the same apartment





# Prerequisites

## Needs:

- No significant challenging behaviors
- Independence with hygiene routine and meds - we prompt but we do not provide physical supports
- Interest in being in college
- Some employment or volunteer experience

## Nice to Have:

- Self-regulation skills (independent)
- Strategy for password management
- Using a debit card and bank app
- Prepping simple snacks
- Managing sleep routine





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# Academics/ Employment

- ❖ 2-year academic certificate, optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year focused on employment/independent living
- ❖ Hesed curriculum is focused on independent living, vocational skills, and social engagement
- ❖ Additional university classes for audit in chosen concentration area and follow standard university schedule
- ❖ Earn an academic badge credential to demonstrate skills in a concentration area
- ❖ Development of self-determination and self-advocacy to increase autonomy
- ❖ Internships & Jobs are coordinated to student's concentration area both on and off campus
- ❖ Vocational skills focus on resume building, employment search, professional standards, and interview skills



# Campus Life

- ❖ Daily chapel
- ❖ 40+ student organizations, 30 athletic teams
- ❖ On-campus activities supporting mind, body, and spirit
- ❖ Off-campus events and trips
- ❖ Community activities and volunteer opportunities





# Housing

- ❖ Residential format is recommended for fully inclusive experience.
- ❖ Dedicated Resident Assistants for Hased students living on campus.
- ❖ Chemnitz Hall – Suite style living. Each suite is 3 double rooms with a shared shower room and 2 bathrooms.
- ❖ Resident hall activities including evening study lab, social engagement, and meals.
- ❖ Meal plans offer a variety of options including Starbucks and sub-shop.
- ❖ Non-residential format is available! Come for classes, community and internship.





# Prerequisites

- ❖ Diagnosed intellectual or developmental disability
- ❖ Independent medication management
- ❖ Sufficient comfort with dorm life and college schedule
- ❖ High school diploma or certificate of completion
- ❖ Goal of living and working independently in the community



# Financial Breakdown



Hesed Transition Program Tuition

Concordia University of Wisconsin Mequon 25-26 AY

	Annual Costs Per Year
Overall Tuition based on current Concordia University full-time student	\$36,000
Room and Board	\$13,660
Fees - CUW	\$535
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50, 195</b>



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# Academics & Employment

- **COE Accreditation**

- **70% Employment rate in the field of study**
- **Full school year of occupational experience**
- **Graduate with portfolio and job search training**

- **Four Pillars of Academics**

- **Job Readiness**
- **Life Skills**
- **Personal Development**
- **Faith Journey**





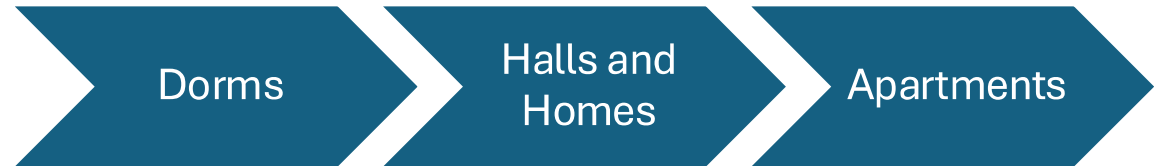
# Campus Life

- **Nursing**
  - Medication prep and passing
- **24hr Staffing**
- **Sports**
- **Outings/Activities**
- **Church/Bible Studies**



# Housing at Shepherds College

## Three Step Housing Progression



# Prerequisites

- Have a diagnosed intellectual/developmental disability or significant learning challenges
- Perform daily hygiene routines independently, relying on, at most, verbal prompts or reminders from staff
- Be motivated and have an eagerness to learn
- Ability to Participate in classroom lessons with accommodation and support within a 7:1 staff-to-student ratio
- Do not have a history of unsafe or aggressive behaviors within the past 2 years

# Finances

Tuition	\$29,000
Student Support	\$24,500
Room and Board	\$10,500
<b>Cost to Attend</b>	<b>\$64,900</b>

## Funding Assistance

- **Social Security Income (SSI)**
- **Medicare Waiver Programs**
  - **Managed Care Organizations (MCO's)**
  - **I Respect I Select (IRIS)**
- **Vocational Rehabilitations Funds**
- **External Scholarship Awards**
- **Shepherds College Foundation Scholarships**





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