

Where The Learning Continues

A collegiate experience program for students with intellectual disabilities



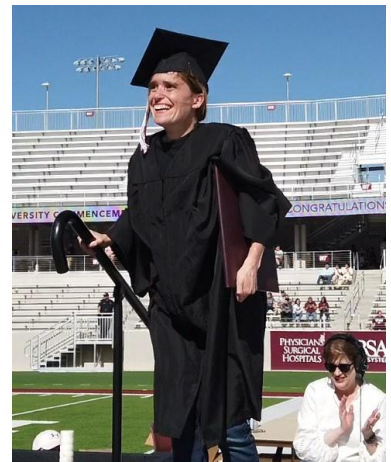
Extended Studies
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY™

Where the Learning Continues (WTLC) at West Texas A&M University is a higher education experience committed to empowering students with intellectual disabilities by strengthening their academic knowledge, social skills, and unique abilities in a way that nurtures confidence and inspires independence.

WTLC students are proud to belong to the WTAMU community! Classes are held on both WTAMU campuses where they enjoy meeting other Buffs and reuniting with former classmates. Students receive free admission to sporting and fine arts events, and participate in the annual Homecoming parade. Paid internship opportunities are even available through dining services and the physical plant.

Class is held Monday through Thursday. On Mondays students attend class at the WTAMU Amarillo Center from 8:00 to noon where their time includes an integrated class with communications disorders majors. One day per week class goes from 8:00 to 3:00, which includes lunch at the Caf and an integrated class with degree-seeking students. (The specific integrated class changes from semester to semester.) During their time on campus, students engage in coursework that includes:

- mathematics
- writing
- social studies
- life skills
- science
- computing
- communication
- social skills



After completing 8 semesters, students participate in the WTAMU commencement ceremonies where they cross the stage to shake the WTAMU President's hand and receive their certificate of completion in a degree cover.

Tuition is approximately \$2000 per semester. Neither financial aid nor scholarships are available because the students do not earn university credit in their classes. Transportation to and from Amarillo on Panhandle Transit is available for a nominal fee. Students meet the bus at a central Amarillo location in the morning and are taken home or to work after school. Unfortunately, housing is not available on campus.

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must:

- Be between the ages of 18-23
- Have completed a 4-year high school program
- Diagnosis, Date
- Demonstrate a minimum level of independence
- Have minimal medical and no behavioral issues

Prospective students and parents are encouraged to visit the program. High school students will be given a college visit letter to excuse their absence from school. To schedule a visit or for more information, please call Extended Studies at (806) 651-2038, email Michelle Vinyard at lvinyard@wtamu.edu, or go to wtamu.edu/wtlc.