

# **Building Your FPCTP: Establishing Credentials and Industry Certification**

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# Program Description

- Academy lives in a Department that is housed in a College within the University
- Students apply to the University to participate in the Academy
- If admitted, they enter a program and take courses that lead to program completion
- The fees? Regular University tuition and fees
- If that sounds like “*going to college*”...

# Program Description

- Post Secondary Certificate programs
- First Academy Admission: January 2016
- Three Cohorts: 9-15 admitted per cohort
- Start-up funding through private foundation (for faculty, job coaches, & peer mentors)
- First Academy Graduate: December 2017



# Curriculum Design

## Three Certificate Programs

- **Supported Employment**
- **Supported Community Access**
- **Supported Community Living**

Supported Employment Certificate is Required for Everybody

# Coursework

- Each certificate is approximately 20 credits
- Combination of specialized ACI courses & other courses from FAU catalog
- Some electives are available
- Some audit options exist
- Most ACI courses = 2 credits
- Most ACI courses designed under UDL principles

# Prerequisite Courses

- SLS 1200: Increasing Personal Effectiveness
- SLS 1304: Career Exploration
- SLS 1570: Learning with Technology 1
  
- Launch Pad
- HSC 2100 Health & Fitness for Life

# Advising

- Combining Person Centered Planning with Program Requirements
- Faculty Advisors
- First Planning Meeting
- Annual Planning Meetings
- Oh, those PowerPoints!
- Oh, those Decisions!!



# Employment Support

- Internships: On & off campus
- Job opportunities based on students' interests and goals
- Job Coaches for OJT
- Support for employers and supervisors



# Co-Curriculum Options

- Clubs
- Mentors
- Social Activities
- Newspaper
- Book Club

# What Does “Establishing Credentials” Really Mean?

What does it mean to be a college program?

- Admissions → to the program and University
- Curriculum → 3 new programs added to the catalog
- Courses → 31 new courses added to the catalog
- Grades → individual courses & program progress
- Faculty → credentials to teach their courses
- Advisors
- Mentors
- Financial Aid

# “Establishing Credentials”

## Campus Collaboration

### Including Campus & University Administration

- COE Dean
- Undergraduate Dean
- Curriculum Committees
- Student Affairs
- Academic Affairs
- Provost Office

### Including School District & Agency Leadership

- ESE Directors / Transition Program Coordinator
- Vocational Rehabilitation Area Supervisor

# “Establishing Credentials”

Certificates & courses in the University catalog; approved through the University curriculum committees; assigned statewide course codes

Application for Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) requires SACS accreditation

ACI faculty are experienced ESE teachers

Faculty member directs day to day operations

Academy “lives” in a regular College and Department



# The Quality Difference

It is *like* college

vs

It *is* college

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