

CAREER SKILLS INSTITUTE



THINK COLLEGE!

- ◉ **National initiative** - postsecondary education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- ◉ ***Think College Illinois*** - partnership with state agencies & Illinois colleges to create a blueprint for postsecondary education opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities

CAREER SKILLS INSTITUTE GOALS

- ◉ Academic skills tied to daily needs
- ◉ Self-determination
- ◉ Work behaviors
- ◉ Career interests
- ◉ Campus membership

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

- ◉ Cohort model - appropriate pace and accommodations
- ◉ 2-year program meets 3x/weekly
- ◉ Program coordinator, instructors, & job/education coaches
- ◉ Coaches are undergraduates completing field experience requirements for Harper programs

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- ◉ Students independently transition between classes, buildings, & non-academic activities
- ◉ Most classes are held in the same building located near the Career Skills Institute office
- ◉ Work-based training is hosted by other departments on campus during the 4th semester of the program

CAMPUS MEMBERSHIP:

HARPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- ◉ Core values:

- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Excellence
- ❖ Collaboration

- ◉ Promote safety and appropriate social interaction

JOB SKILLS

- ◉ Classes prepare students for generalized workplace skills
- ◉ On-campus work experience places them in a work setting for one or our campus departments
- ◉ Partnership with Little City for job placement and follow-up mentoring

CLASS OF 2014 PROGRAM'S FIRST GRADUATION

◉ May 19, 2014

