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ICS ADMISSIONS

Applications are reviewed in three ways. After any step, the ICS Admissions Committee may move directly to a final decision, or the application may move to the next step for additional review.



Basic Eligibility Requirements

Committee reviews application to verify applicant meets basic eligibility requirements

01



In-Depth Review

In-depth review of application, assessing academics, co-curricular activities, supports and resources, and essay

02



Interview

Holistic interview scheduled with applicant and family, with topics including autonomy & agency, life planning, and career development

03



Final Decision

A final decision is made and sent to applicant



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ICS BASIC ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for admission into the ICS Program of Study, aspiring applicants must meet 6 requirements.

1

Have a documented diagnosis of an intellectual disability

according to American Association on IDD definition

2

Be one's own legal guardian

Students must maintain this status during the entire program of study

3

Be at least 18 years old

before August 1 of their first Fall semester

4

Have concluded secondary education

with diploma, certificate of completion, or equivalent before Fall enrollment

5

Do not meet requirements for general undergraduate admission

6

Have basic safety skills in unsupervised settings

for non-service hours



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ICS DUE DATES

ICS Admissions follows the UNCG Undergraduate Admissions schedule.

	application	all materials	decision
early action	NOV 1	DEC 1	JAN 1
regular decision	MAR 1	MAR 15	APR 1



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ICS TUITION 2025-26

Yearly tuition and fees can change with each new academic year and do not include costs of books, supplies, clothing, travel, and other personal expenses such as health insurance.

In-state tuition & fees	\$7,731
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Out-of-state tuition & fees	\$24,705
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University-managed housing	\$8,605
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Meal plan (unlimited +\$100 flex)	\$5,077
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ICS program fee	\$5,000
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In-state total annual cost	\$26,413
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Out-of-state total annual cost	\$43,387
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ICS FINANCIAL AID

Options are dependent on eligibility and availability.

File the [FAFSA](#) for each academic year as early as possible.

01

Federal Aid

Eligible students can access grant-based federal aid. File your [FAFSA](#) for each academic year, as early as possible – the filing period opens Oct 1 the year BEFORE your fall semester.

02

Employment & Independence for People with Disabilities (EIPD)

A Division of NC DHHS - EIPD, previously Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) sponsors tuition and fees based on financial need, with comparable benefits applied. FAFSA required.

03

Scholarships

The Minton Family Scholarship at UNCG is funded by the NC Legislature for in-state students in CTP programs. Students qualify based on FAFSA and fund availability. Many individualized private scholarships also exist for students, with some being disability- or organization-specific.

04

Private Loans

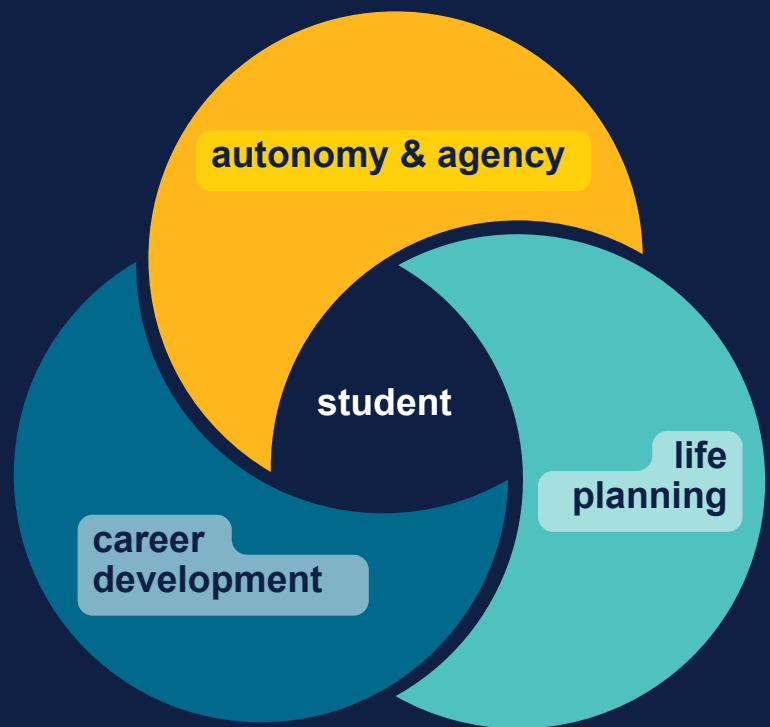
At this time, low interest federal loans are not available to students in CTP programs, and options are limited to private loans.



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ICS ACADEMIC FOCUS AREAS



Autonomy & Agency

ICS students practice autonomy & agency skills day in and day out of their college experience at UNCG. More than just expressing rights and accommodation needs, students practice skillsets related to short-, medium-, and long-term planning; managing complex emotions in various settings; simple and complex problem-solving; relationships and boundaries; and communication.

Life Planning

"Independent living" is one of the top reasons applicants want to attend UNCG's ICS program. Students engage in coursework and experiential learning to practice independent living skills. We encourage students to build a network of interdependence to help achieve their individualized independent living goal. We focus on financial literacy; housing opportunities; in-home skillsets (cooking, cleaning, laundry, bill payment); leisure interests; social planning; transportation opportunities; and much more.

Career Development

Students engage in departmental and university coursework that focus on employability skills and career field interests. Students are required to complete involvement, volunteer, and internship hours. Students explore and work towards articulating their leisure interests, career goals, and employment aspirations.





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ICS ACADEMICS

UNCG's 4-year CTP certificate program empowers students as they transition into adulthood.

Awarded by the UNCG Office of the Provost, the ICS certificate emphasizes autonomy & agency, life planning, and career development.

Coursework

Students engage in a hybrid model of coursework, taking some ICS department courses and some across UNCG's departments.

A departmental advisor engages each student to empower them to select coursework meaningful and purposeful to them.

Many students start by taking classes that are fun and engaging based on personal interests. Then, as students advance through the program, they begin to focus on classes related to their career field of interest.

ICS does not currently allow part-time enrollment or totally virtual coursework.

Credits

For optimal learning opportunities, students are strongly encouraged to enroll in 12 to 15 credit hours each semester.

Though students can audit courses at UNCG with faculty permission, the ICS department encourages students to take courses for credit. Students routinely express their sense of accomplishment from coursework they didn't think they were capable of.

Transcripts

When students graduate, they will have two transcripts. A UNCG transcript will outline all degree-track coursework taken. An ICS transcript will outline all CTP coursework.

Students can use these transcripts for post-graduation employment and for future academic pursuits.



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ICS CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS



credit hours

98 completed over the course of enrollment



GPA

2.0 minimum for good academic standing each semester



service

100 hours via service learning and community volunteering



internship

130 hours with a campus or community employer



capstone

a creative portfolio exhibiting how skills and ideas have developed through student's UNCG journey and what tools student has acquired for continued success



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ICS SUPPORT PRACTICES

ICS operates on the philosophy of “no more different than necessary.”

Certificate students are engaged with UNCG equitably to their degree-seeking peers.

Baked into the program

ICS incorporates student support and resources into the program of study, which implements a person-centered planning process across the four years.

To align with ICS’s “no more and no less than needed” methodology, students actively utilize resources existing within UNCG’s campus and community. Natural resources are explored first, with more formalized support supplementing gaps.

Advising process

Students meet with their departmental advisor weekly to discuss their person-centered plan and commitments.

The advisor supports students in identifying the resources needed or wanted for each commitment. The advisor can also support students in making connections and getting resources established.

While there will be supports students may always need, ICS works to phase out layers of support where possible when more natural resources can be utilized. Student progress is evaluated monthly, each semester, and annually.



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