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UMATTER
PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Vision & Mission

Vision – Developing self-determined adults by optimizing adult life educational experiences in a university setting.

Mission – Dedicated to providing an accessible and inclusive university experience leading to competitive integrated employment and self-sufficiency.



Program Goals and Benefits

The program aims to help students increase their skills in:

- 1 Self-sufficiency
- 2 Academic Advancement
- 3 Social Involvement
- 4 Employment Readiness



Admissions Criteria

Applicants who meet the criteria below will be considered for the U_Matter Program:

- A documented intellectual disability that impacts progression in a standard curriculum in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate
- Exited the K-12 system
- At least 18 years old
- Has a desire to audit college courses
- Personal goals of competitive employment and community participation
- Capable of mobility on adult campuses, including transportation to and from campus
- Displays a level of social maturity conducive to an adult environment (i.e. employment and educational settings)
- Independently maintains self-care and personal hygiene
- Collaborative partnership between the U_Matter program and parental/guardian/family
- Has a reliable means of communication (i.e. smart phone with texting and navigation capability)
- Clear discipline/incident history
- Strong attendance record
- Willingness to follow university and program's code of conduct
- Willingness to work with an academic mentor/tutor and peer mentor(s)
- Willingness to participate in volunteer opportunities in the community



For detailed admissions criteria, please visit the U_Matter website at www.usf.edu/umatter.

