Explore the 4PLUS program

Students, their families and Individual Education Program (IEP) teams are encouraged to explore 4PLUS as juniors and seniors. Referral to 4PLUS is determined by the IEP team.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Earned all state and locally determined credits
- IEP team has determined there are unmet transition or expanded core curriculum needs
- Under the age of 22
- IEP review by Iowa School for the Deaf to ensure program can meet student needs
- Ability to participate in dorm activities including self-care without 1:1 paraeducator

Some paid work and work experience placements through IESBVI 4PLUS have included:

- Kohl’s
- Cheddar’s
- Casey’s
- Fareway
- HyVee
- Outlook Nebraska
- Goodwill
- Animal shelter
- Homeless facility
- Nursing home

Our home-like dorms and campus setting offer the college experience. This venue complements the independent living skills aspect of the expanded core curriculum.

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4PLUS

4 Post-senior Learning for Ultimate Success

An education-based transition program exclusively for Iowa’s post-high school seniors who are blind or visually impaired.

Free for families!
A transition program that works.

Know a teen who is blind or visually impaired with unmet transition needs?

4PLUS was designed for them. Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired created this transition program to provide extra support between high school and college or work. Teachers in 4PLUS provide classes in expanded core curriculum and support for students enrolled into local community colleges. 4PLUS also offers opportunities for job shadowing, work experience and obtaining employment.

No cost for families
Tutoring, life skills training, room, board and program-related transportation* are provided as a service of 4PLUS (no billing for these services). School districts may be charged for assistive technology, equipment, college and job-related expenses. *See page F on the IEP page or call (319) 310-3408 for more information.

Help with employment
IESBVI staff work with 4PLUS students on job searches, expanding networks, completing applications and practice interviews. There are paid and non-paid work experiences as well as volunteer community experiences. On-the-job coaching and on-the-job evaluation are provided. Students may work up to 30 hours a week. See back cover for where our students work.

What about college?
Is college right for my student? Students can sample classes and utilize tutors at a local community college. Dozens of certificate or technical programs are offered. College credit is earned. Students may take up to 9 credits per semester.

Parents’ Top 10 List About 4PLUS
1. Individualized programming
2. 24-hour campus health center
3. 4PLUS is free; no cost to parents
4. Students go home every weekend
5. Transported to doorstep
6. Students use functional vision
7. Sports and activity opportunities
8. Social skills are specifically taught
9. Work and work experience offered
10. Transition skills for community college classes

A typical day at 4PLUS
When students aren’t working, attending college or involved in a community service, they work on components of the expanded core curriculum, such as:

- Compensatory or functional academic skills, including communication modes
- Recreation and leisure skills
- Orientation and mobility
- Social interaction skills
- Technology
- Sensory efficiency skills
- Self-determination

Students are required to attend at least 10 hours of class on the 4PLUS campus each week.

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