

# **About SEU Link**

SEU Link is a post-secondary education program located on the campus of Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. Our campus is welcoming, small, and close-knit. SEU is a Christian university and is proud to be one of the few faith-based institutions in America to offer a postsecondary transition program.

We are focused on increasing independence and employability in young adult students with mild intellectual disabilities, helping them make the transition from high school to adulthood. This program is an excellent opportunity for students to grow in a supportive, Christian environment while taking college classes and living independently.



# Learn More & Apply

Visit **SEU.edu/link** to begin the application process, find the answers to frequently asked questions, and get information about tuition and financial aid.

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Faith-Based Education & Life Skills



"It's been so much fun to be in the program and around college students. The Link Program has really impacted my life. Link has built my confidence, and all of the classes have been awesome. Every person on the Link staff has been encouraging."

> – CALEB Link Student

## **FAST FACTS**

- 89% of Link students are employed after graduation
- SEU Link is supported by a grant through the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities (FCSUA) at the University of Central Florida
- Southeastern University is in the top 1% of the fastest-growing universities nationwide

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Faith-Based Academics**

Students will take four courses per semester with the goal of graduating with a Link Postsecondary Program Certificate of Professional Readiness. These include:

Link Courses: These courses teach students skills like employability, independent living, and self-advocacy.

**Elective Courses:** These courses are done alongside traditional SEU students to build friendships and create an environment of encouragement. Course syllabi may be modified to fit each student's needs.

Courses for Credit: Students who demonstrate the ability to do so may enroll in courses for credit in their second year.

Credential Courses: Upon graduation, students will receive a Link Program Certificate of Professional Readiness, as well as a credential in their chosen field. Students may choose from Education, Fitness, Business & Retail, Art & Design, or Tourism & Hospitality.

### Job Skills Training

Courses and work experiences provide opportunities for students to develop employment skills and add to their resumes. Each student will complete 3 internships, which are available both on-and off-campus.

### **Caring Staff & Faculty**

Our Link staff and SEU faculty are dedicated to providing all Link students both the academic support they need and the confidence to succeed.

#### **Collegiate Experience & Community Integration**

Link students build friendships with peers, mentors, staff, and faculty, while enjoying access to all SEU resources, activities, and events. Our caring community gives Link students many opportunities to become involved, and to thrive, connect, and engage. Examples include:

- Athletic Events
- Chapel Services
- Clubs & Activities
- Service at Local Churches

### **Inclusive Living Experience**

Link students live in campus housing and are paired with a trained residential peer mentor as a roommate.

#### **Peer Mentors**

Our team of trained academic, social, and residential peer mentors are dedicated to empowering Link students, promoting growth and independence, and helping them feel seen and valued. As a crucial part of the Link program, mentors provide support and encouragement throughout each student's journey. Members of the Link staff also provide regular assistance.

"Being a mentor has been one of the best parts of my journey here at SEU, and it has been a joy to watch my mentee grow. This *experience* has taught me the true impact that comes when you choose to



invest in others. I can proudly say that through this experience I have gained a forever friend." - BRIE

Link Academic Mentor

