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CHOICE
PROGRAM
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Students in the CHOICE Program attend college for the same reasons other students attend:

- to further their education
- to develop lifelong friendships
- to develop career opportunities
- to gain independence
- to create life enriching experiences

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WHAT IS the CHOICE Program?

CHOICE is a two year non-degree college inclusion program at East Georgia State College designed to provide students, who may traditionally be excluded from post-secondary education, the opportunity to participate in college classes and develop work-readiness employment skills.

Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities may qualify for this program.

Admissions Criteria

- Age 18 by semester of enrollment with a documented intellectual disability (70 or lower) /or developmental disability that interferes with student's academic performance.
- Completion of high school program with support from special education and/or related services (as documented in an IEP or 504 Plan) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and/or the Rehabilitation Act.
- Demonstrated emotional and independent living skills that will allow a favorable and beneficial experience from participation in coursework and campus life at EGSC.
- Demonstrated Third-grade academic ability in reading, math, and writing or higher.
- A desire to continue academic, career development, social and independent living instruction at East Georgia State College's CHOICE Program for Inclusive Learning.
- Once participants complete the program, they may elect to obtain part-time or full-time paid employment, and they can also pursue a postsecondary Inclusion Program that offers years three and four.

How the CHOICE Program works:

- The CHOICE program provides instruction in the following areas: Career Development and Employment, Academic Enrichment, Campus and Community Engagement, Self-Determination, and independent living.
- The CHOICE Program staff creates a unique and customized plan for achievement using a person-centered planning approach. Student participants audit traditional courses and complete specialized CHOICE courses, and participate in job shadowing/internship experiences on and off campus to support career exploration and development of employment skills.
- In addition to the academic program, CHOICE students have access to the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center, recreation and exercise activities, sporting and entertainment events, and student clubs and organizations.
- Upon successful completion of the program requirements, participants will receive a CHOICE Certificate of Career Development and will also have the opportunity to qualify for a Georgia Work Readiness Certificate.