

Inclusive Post-Secondary Education in Idaho

ECLIPSE

ECLIPSE (Employment Capacity Leveraged through Inclusive Post-Secondary Education) is a statewide model demonstration project housed at the University of Idaho and funded through a United States Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration grant (DIF 84.421F).

ECLIPSE is designed to promote competitive integrated employment (CIE) within inclusive post-secondary education (IPSE) programs for students with intellectual and developmental disability.

ECLIPSE creates authentic work experiences, fosters campus collaboration, and strengthens interagency collaboration.

Our Goals

Support IPSE Program Partners

To support the existing IPSE programs, ECLIPSE facilitates authentic work experiences, connects with campus entities, and facilitates interagency collaboration.

Student Development

Students within ECLIPSE are supported through specific instruction and have access to peer job coaches. Additionally, they can partake in opportunities such as the annual conference and youth leadership opportunities.

Awareness and Opportunities

We strive to expand the IPSE network and create opportunities such as reverse career fairs, and supporting policy and information dissemination.



SPARC

SPARC (Students and Professionals Accessing Resources in the Community) is a post-secondary transition program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, aged 18 through 21, at Lewis-Clark State College. SPARC offers an immersive college experience that empowers students to achieve their goals.

As one of the ECLIPSE project sites in Idaho, the SPARC program teaches students key skills that lead to independence, competitive integrated employment, personal success, and fulfillment of life goals. SPARC's purpose is to provide students with disabilities a variety of resources and activities to create a path of success and independence for their future.

Student Support

SPARC serves students who are dually enrolled in the Lewiston School District and is housed on the Lewis-Clark State College campus, allowing students to participate in collegiate experiences and practice real-life skills. SPARC students routinely use the campus gym, library, classrooms, computer labs, and attend campus events. Students also engage in work internships in a variety of settings, receiving support from SPARC, the college, and other undergraduate students.

The SPARC curriculum encompasses vocational training, career development, social skills support, recreation and leisure activities, and skills for achieving personal independence. A student's time in the program is individualized based on their strengths, preferences, interests, and needs.



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