

RFL Academy offer a supported immersive & inclusive post-secondary educational option!

RFLA provides support systems to ensure each student is provided the resources they need to succeed in a college environment. Each of our instructors at RFLA is engaged to assist each student in daily personal planning, and partners with Hope College and Ferris State University professors to adapt the academic materials from the college courses each student is taking. College students also volunteer as academic and social peer partners as additional support.

Ready For Life Academy  
programs proudly partners

with the following  
post-secondary  
institutions!



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## Ready For Life Academy Programs

Through partnerships at Hope College and Ferris State University, Ready For Life Academy (RFLA) has a local presence on their respective campuses in Holland and Big Rapids, Michigan. This provides post-secondary educational experiences for college-aged individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities.

Each student begins the program by building a student-centered learning plan to develop realistic learning objectives and identify areas of natural talent to be further developed. Based on the student's interests and abilities the college or university may offer credit or non-credit earning classes which are intentionally selected for the RFLA student to attend. The curriculum used at RFLA focuses on transition skills to help students gain independence and job skills.



## Eligibility Requirements

- Be at least 18 years of age and not older than 26
- Has completed high school with a certificate of completion or a diploma
- Has an intellectual/developmental disability and/or autism
- Minimum 3rd grade reading comp. & 2nd grade math skills
- Understands personal safety
- Is knowledgeable of personal information
- Has the ability to write, type or dictate a paragraph
- Has technology skills
- Has basic conversation skills
- Has future goals of living as independently as possible and competitive employment



## Program

### Highlights

#### RFLA Transition Classes

All RFLA Students take the following lifelong learning core transition classes:

- Independent living
- Personal finance
- Relationships
- Employment

Students are provided opportunities to take the additional support classes:

- Academic Support
- Belong/Community
- Genius hour
- First-year seminar
- Senior Seminar

#### Social Opportunities

- Ready For Life Community Gatherings
- Collegiate clubs
- Dormitory Gatherings
- Peer partners in collegiate classes
- On campus dining
- Worship

#### Job Internships

- Individualized job internships on and off campus
- Bi-weekly job coaching and assessment
- Minimum of 3 hours/week
- Travel training if necessary

#### Independent Living

Depending on the campus, students live in dorms or homes with support. Students work on the following skills with the support of their CLS staff:

- Grocery shopping
- Meal planning
- Cooking and kitchen safety
- Budgeting and banking skills
- Home management cleaning
- Laundry
- Roommate conflict resolution

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## FAST FACTS

Hope College	Ferris State
Est 2008	Est 2021
Tuition: \$20,000/yr.	Tuition: RFLA = \$14,000/yr. plus FSU per credit audit fees and program access fees
Housing: Supported housing \$7,000/yr. plus living expenses	Housing: Dorm living and meal plan options
Inclusion / Immersion Model: RFLA Life Skills Classes College Classes Job Internships Peer Partners	
Certificate Options:  Certificate of Completion from RFLA	Certificate Options:  Certificate of Completion from RFLA  College Transcripts