

Academic Programs and Supports: **THRIVE**



Structure

What is the overall course structure?

- THRIVE is a 2-year program housed at the University of Central Missouri (UCM). The THRIVE program is four academic semesters.
- THRIVE students take 15 credit hours per semester, which consist of THRIVE program classes and elective classes.

Courses

What types of courses are required of Bear POWER students?

- THRIVE program courses are primarily focused on independent living, job skills, and job readiness.

What other courses from the university catalog can THRIVE students take?

- THRIVE students can take elective courses that are available to all students at UCM.
 - During Semester 1, all THRIVE students will audit an unrequired course.
 - When THRIVE students demonstrate success, they are switched to a for-credit option. This is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Completion

What type of credential, certificate, or degree do students earn upon completing the program?

- THRIVE students earn a Certificate of Success for completing the 2-year program.



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Supports

What supports do PAWS students receive related to their academic coursework?

- THRIVE students meet with instructional liaisons or advisors/case managers each week.
- THRIVE program staff get information from elective teachers to check on student attendance, homework, or any other questions teachers may have.
- THRIVE students are scheduled to attend a study hall 2 days a week and may attend up to 5 days a week, if desired.

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