

Planning for College for Students with Intellectual Disabilities



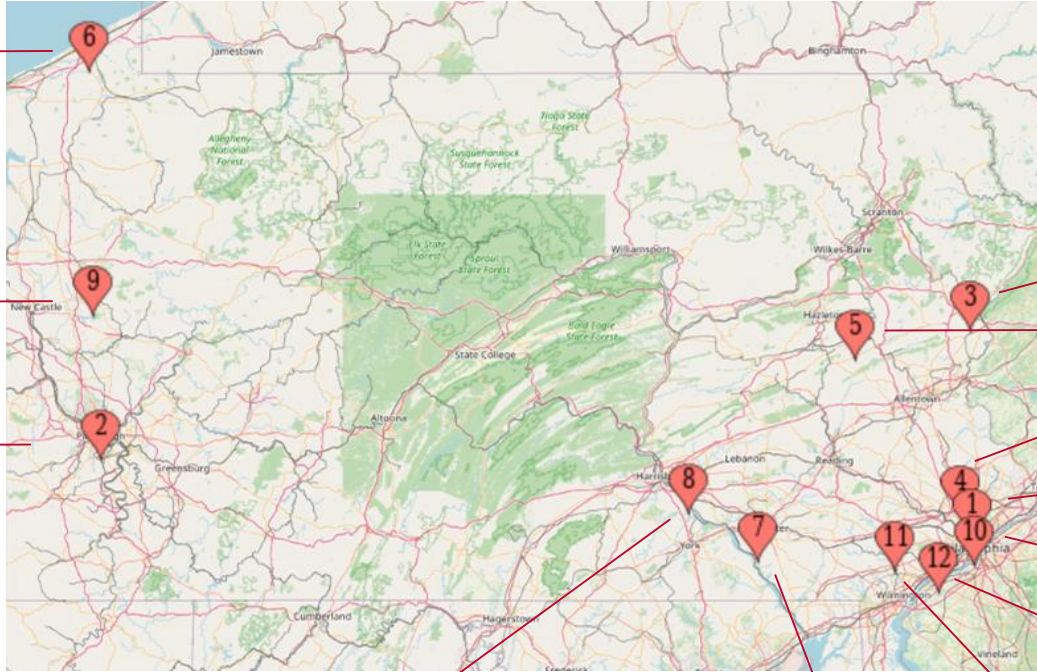
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Where are these programs located?

Mercyhurst

Slippery Rock

Duquesne



East Stroudsburg

Lehigh Carbon CC

Gwynedd Mercy

Arcadia University

Temple University

Widener

Penn State Harrisburg

Millersvill

West Chester

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Where are these programs located?

University	Program Name	Program Director	Contact Information	Length of Program	CTP status	Residential	Internships	Percent of students employed (paid work) while attending (2/2020)
Arcadia University	REAL Certificate	Jessica Mattis	mattisj@arcadia.edu 215-572-8624	2 year program	Yes	Yes	Yes	11%
Duquesne University	Compass Program	Alia M. Pustorino-Clevenger	pustorinoa@duq.edu 412-396-6696	2 or 4 year program	Pursuing	Yes	Yes	100%
East Stroudsburg University	Career Independent Living and Learning Studies (CILLS)	Domenico Cavaiuolo	dcavaiuolo@po-box.esu.edu (570) 422-3893	3 years	No	Off campus with other program students	Yes	0%
Gwynedd Mercy University	Integrated Studies	Ariana Amaya	amaya_a@gmercyu.edu 215-646-7300 ext: 21408	2 or 4 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	50%
Lehigh Carbon Community College	SEED Certificate of Cross Institutional Studies (SCCIS)	Michelle Mitchell	mmitchell@lccc.edu 610-799-1154	2 or 3 years	Yes	No	Yes	50%
Mercyhurst University	OASIS Program	Katie Huba	khuba@mercyhurst.edu 814-725-6299	1 or 2 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	18%
Millersville University	Integrated Studies Program	Jan Bechtel	Jan.Bechtel@millersville.edu 717-871-5963	2 or 4 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	52%
Penn State Harrisburg	Career Studies Program	Linda O. Rhen	lrx29@psu.edu 717-948-6638	2 year program	Yes	Off campus housing	Yes	23%
Slippery Rock University	Rock Life	Wendy Fagan	wendy.fagan@sru.edu 724-738-4739	2 to 4 years	Yes	Yes	No	67%
Temple University	Leadership and Career Studies	Titania Boddie	tboddi01@temple.edu 215-204-3916	4 years	Yes	No	Yes	17%
West Chester University	RAM Initiative	Monica Lepore	raminitiative@wcupa.edu 302-229-3707	2 Years	Yes	Yes	Yes	67%
Widener University	Integrated Professional Studies	Julie Heydeman	jheydeman@widener.edu 610-499-1102	2 Years	Pursuing status	No	Yes	100%

Reasons to Consider Attending College



College Attendance Affects Career Readiness

- Youth with intellectual disabilities who participated in a college program and vocational rehabilitation had a 73% higher income than those who received only vocational rehabilitation services
- Nearly 80% of students participating in college programs were paid at or above the minimum wage
- Of the students employed upon leaving their college program, 90% were in jobs that are integrated and in the competitive labor market

The On-Campus Experience



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Benefits of the On-Campus Experience

- Time Management
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Living space/Roommate
- Budget & Finance
- Opportunity to experience independent but supported living

Preparing for Higher Education



Achieva Can Help You Plan

Start with an IEP Review:

- College-focused transition goals
- Skill-building recommendations specific to the college experience
- Information and recommendations about dual enrollment
- Collaboration with the IEP team
- Support for implementation of the Transition Plan

Other Resources:

- Information about existing programs
- Introductions to program directors and admission teams
- Connections with current families and students with intellectual disabilities currently attending college
- Resources to help pay for college

Getting Started

- Important to start thinking about the transition process as early as is reasonable, but no later than age 14.
 - Make sure the IEP team knows your child plans to attend college.
 - Use person-centered planning and enable the student to participate in developing goals based on the student's unique strengths, interests, and abilities.
 - What transition goals might you include in an IEP that can only be met in a traditional college setting?
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How to Finance a College Education

Primary Resources:

- OVR
- Medicaid Home & Community Based Waiver
- Federal Financial Aid
- Dual Enrollment

Secondary Resources:

- Social Security
- Scholarships (Pittsburgh Promise, DREAM, Ruby's Rainbow)
- Private Pay
 - ABLE Accounts & 529 Plans

Support Services for Campus Living

Home and Community Habilitation waiver services can be used to support students:

- Safety on Campus: Support to learn how to navigate the campus.
- Laundry/ Housekeeping: Supervision and instruction with laundry and/or dorm room upkeep.
- Time Management: Support in establishing routine, study habits, free time activities, etc.
- Health and Wellness: Support to identify and participate in health and wellness opportunities.
- Accessibility: Assistance in navigating campus.
- Support Systems: Companion services to identify and develop support systems on campus.
- Money Management: Budgeting. Safety with money/securing money, valuables, and personal items.

Exploring Higher Education: Next Steps



For more information on planning for college:

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