



College and the College Experience

There are a variety of programs developed at college campuses across the country that offer combinations of traditional college coursework, supportive learning, and college experiences (roommates and campus life). There are non-degree alternative programs focusing on life skills and social skills development as well as programs that address specific disabilities like Learning Disabilities and Asperger's and may be 2 or 4 year programs.

Understanding your child needs and the goals of participation in these programs, will help direct your search.

Lists by state, over 200 colleges for students with intellectual disabilities.

www.thinkcollege.net/college-search

Provides information on how to choose the right college.

www.specialeducationguide.com

Two year programs offering the college campus experience

- LIFE Program at Clemson University, Univ. of South Carolina and George Mason University
- Bethesda College at Concordia University, Wisconsin
- Wesleyan College, West Virginia
- DePaul University Chicago – PLS Program
- Indiana University – 2 week summer program/internship www.cipworldwide.org
- ELSA at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois
- AIM Program at Mercyhurst College Drexel University for Asperger's HFA
- VENTURE Program – Bellevue Community College, Seattle

Grants and scholarships may be available:

www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/affordable-colleges-for-students-with-disabilities



20 Incredible Colleges for Students With Special Needs...

1. University of Iowa -- REACH Program
2. West Virginia Wesleyan College
3. Daemen College -- Autism spectrum, OCD, Tourette's and ADHD. Program called The Gersh College Experience
4. Bellevue Community College – Venture Program for unique learners
5. Gallaudet University – Deaf and hearing impaired students
6. Landmark College – exclusively caters to dyslexia, ADHD and other learning disabilities
7. University of Arizona, Tucson – SALT Center
8. Drexel University – Students with autism should check out Drexels specialized support program
9. Mercyhurst University – Aim program
10. Marshall University – specializing in helping students with Asperger's and Autism
11. Beacon College
12. Southern Illinois University – Achieve Program
13. DePaul University – PLS Program
14. Hofstra University -- PALS Program
15. Rochester Institute of Technology – EMPOWER Program
16. University of Denver – Learning Effectiveness Program
17. American University
18. University of Connecticut – Beyond Access Program
19. Marist College – Learning Disabilities Support Program
20. Misericordia University ALP Program