



Programs at 4-year Colleges and Universities

George Mason University

Program: Mason Life

Location: Weyers Cave

Phone: 703-993-3905

Website: <https://masonlife.gmu.edu/contact>

Description: The Mason Learning Into Future Environments (LIFE) Program is a supportive academic university experience that offers a four-year post-secondary curriculum of study to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who begin the program between 18-23 years of age.

Program: Mason Autism Support Initiative (MASI)

Phone: 703-993-2474

Website: <https://ds.gmu.edu/mason-autism-support-initiative/ct>

Description: MASI is a comprehensive fee-based program that provides additional intensive support services to students on the Autism Spectrum beyond typical higher education accommodations. MASI uses a team-based approach to assist students in achieving their goals in college. An individualized plan of support is created for each student.

Longwood University

Program: Longwood Life

Location: Farmville

Phone: 434-395-2837

Website: <https://www.longwood.edu/cehhs/about/longwood-life/>

Description: Longwood Life strives to create a universally inclusive campus through innovative and individualized practices that foster independent and confident students, informed and engaged faculty and create a collaborative and welcoming campus community for all.

Virginia Commonwealth University

Program: ACE-It in College

Location: Richmond

Phone: 804-828-2253

Website: <https://aceitincollege.org>

Description: An inclusive learning and training program for transition age students with intellectual disabilities. With individualized support, ACE-It in College students participate in employment, college classes, and campus activities. These experiences create opportunity and prepared students to pursue self-determined futures.

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Programs at Community Colleges

Lord Fairfax Community College—soon to be Laurel Ridge Community College

Program: Bureau of Neuro-Diversity (BOND) Club

Location: Middletown

Phone: 540-531-1505

Email: rslove@lfcc.edu

Website: [Bureau of Neuro Diversity | Lord Fairfax Community College \(lfcc.edu\)](https://www.lfcc.edu/bureau-of-neuro-diversity)

Description: Club creates a nurturing environment and provides social support for neurodiverse students.

Northern Virginia Community College

Program: College Steps

Location: Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun

Phone: 703-323-3223

Email: contactus@collegesteps.org

Website: <https://www.collegesteps.org>

Description: College Steps is a nonprofit that aims to empower students living with learning and social challenges through structured post-secondary support.

Reynolds Community College

Program: PAVE

Location: Richmond

Phone: 804-523-5572

Website: https://www.reynolds.edu/student_services/pave/

Description: PAVE is a 2-year vocational training program for students with a high school diploma or who pass the Ability to Benefit (ATB test). It provides students with the tools to become independent support professionals in their field.

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