

# Specialized College Programs for Students with Disabilities

## A Resource Document



### Programs at 4-year Colleges and Universities

#### George Mason University

**Program:** Mason Learning Into Future Environments (LIFE)

**Location:** Weyers Cave

**Phone:** 703-993-3905

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

**Description:** Mason 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 opportunities and prepare students to pursue self-determined futures.

### Programs at Community Colleges

#### Bridgewater Community College

**Program:** Bridgewater Academic and Social Experience (BASE)

**Location:** Bridgewater

**Phone:** 540-828-5660

**Email:** [rslove@lfcc.edu](mailto:rslove@lfcc.edu)

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**Website:** <https://www.bridgewater.edu/life-at-bridgewater/services-for-students/academic-advising-and-support/base-program/>

**Description:** The Bridgewater Academic and Social Experience (BASE) program at Bridgewater College is a student-centered, individual support program for students on the autism spectrum or other students who feel they may benefit from the support provided.

### Laurel Ridge Community College

**Program:** Bureau of Neuro-Diversity (BOND) Club

**Location:** Middletown

**Phone:** 540-531-1505

**Email:** [rslove@lfcc.edu](mailto:rslove@lfcc.edu)

**Website:** <https://laurelridge.edu/clubs-organizations/bureau-of-neuro-diversity-bond/>

**Description:** The Bureau of Neuro-Diversity (BOND) Club creates a nurturing environment and provides social support for neurodiverse students.

### Mountain Gateway Community College

**Program:** Inclusive Learning Enabled Action Program (ILEAP)

**Location:** Clifton Forge

**Phone:** 540-863-2820

**Website:** <https://www.mgcc.edu>

**Description:** The Inclusive Learning Enabled Action Program (ILEAP) is a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (including autism spectrum disorders). ILEAP allows participants to enroll in classes on DSLCC's Clifton Forge campus. The program reinforces personal effectiveness skills while gaining occupational experience.

### Northern Virginia Community College

**Program:** College Steps

**Location:** Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun

**Phone:** 703-323-3223

**Email:** [contactus@collegesteps.org](mailto: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/](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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