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](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](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/](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](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

**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 • Laurel Ridge Community College](#)  
**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](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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