Higher Education and Students with Disabilities

Resources

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General Websites

• The Lawrence B. Taishoff Center
  The Lawrence B. Taishoff Center at Syracuse University is committed to inclusive higher educational opportunities for all students with disabilities, including students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Taishoff Center researches and advocates for best practices in higher education to foster deeper inclusion of individuals with disabilities on college and university campuses. The Center also disseminates information on students' rights in higher education, universal course design, disability specific accommodation, and other disability resources. For more information about inclusive higher education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, e-mail the Taishoff Center at: inclusiveu@syr.edu.
  
  Link: taishoffcenter.syr.edu

• Overview of College Resources for Students with Disabilities
  This guide explains your legal rights as a student with disabilities, both physical and learning disabilities, and the campus resources that can provide you with assistive services and tools. Additionally, we list a number of sites, apps, and software resources designed to aid students with specific types of disabilities, be they physical impairments or learning disabilities.
  
  Source: BestColleges.com
  Link: www.bestcolleges.com/resources/disabled-students/
• **AHEAD – Association on Higher Education and Disability**
  
  **Link:** ahead.org/students-parents

• **Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)**
  An educational research and development organization that works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals through Universal Design for Learning.
  
  **Link:** cast.org

• **Disability Rights, Education Activism, and Mentoring (DREAM)**
  DREAM (Disability Rights, Education Activism, and Mentoring) is a national organization for and by college students with disabilities, supported in our work by sponsoring organization AHEAD (the Association on Higher Education And Disability).
  
  **Link:** dreamcollegedisability.org

• **InclusiveU**
  Information about higher education for students with IDD which can be applied at colleges around the United States.
  
  **Source:** Syracuse University
  
  **Link:** inclusiveu.syr.edu

• **Transition Universe**
  This website provides resources and support to students, families and educators interested and involved in the Transition of Youth with Disabilities. Information has been gathered from many sources and also includes original content.
  
  **Link:** transitionuniverse.org

• **Online Colleges Database**
  Online database that with resources that support families and students with disabilities
  
  **Link:** onlinecollegesdatabase.org/online-college-learning-for-students-with-disabilities

• **Youth Pathways to Postsecondary and Employment**
  This website brings together five different National Youth-Focused Training and Technical Assistance Centers that are working together to provide technical assistance and training to state/local agencies and programs to build successful pathways to postsecondary education and employment opportunities for youth and students with disabilities.
  
  **Link:** pathways.grads360.org
**College Resources for Students with Disabilities**  
*Source: Best Colleges.Com*  
*Link: bestcolleges.com/resources/disabled-students/*

**Advocating Your Way through College**  
"Making My Way through College: A Guide for Youth with Disabilities" is designed to help postsecondary students with disabilities navigate the college experience. Self-advocacy is a major theme.  
*Source: National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)*  
*Link: www.ncwd-youth.info/PostsecondaryGuide*

**Alliance for Access to Computing Careers**  
Offers disability-specific information to teachers, learners, employers and mentors with the goal of increasing the participation of people with disabilities in computing fields.  
*Source: Washington Access Computing*  
*Link: www.washington.edu/accesscomputing/*

**Transition to Adulthood**  
Transition Resources for Families of Children with Disabilities  
*Source: Support for Families*  
*Link: supportforfamilies.org/internetguide/transition.html*

**Think College**  
A national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disability.  
*Link: thinkcollege.net*

**Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities**  
How to Find and Apply for Scholarships, Loan Forgiveness and Other Tuition Assistance  
*Source: Learn How to Become*  
*Link: www.learnhowtobecome.org/college/financial-aid-for-students-with-disabilities/*

**Disability Resource Guidebook for College Students**  
This guide was created to bring awareness to rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities, help them learn how to take advantage of myriad services, and provide expert advice from a postsecondary education administrator who has spent years serving college students with disabilities.  
*Source: Learn How to Become*  
*Link: www.learnhowtobecome.org/college/resources-for-students-with-disabilities*
• **Accreditation & Online Colleges**
  Online two-year and four-year colleges represent some of the most affordable ways to enter higher education. Academic programs at the two-year level provide a solid foundation in the liberal arts and basics within certain major paths.
  **Source:** Accredited Schools Online
  **Link:** www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/online-colleges/

• **Scholarships for Students with Disabilities**
  The purpose of this guide is to focus on these financial aid opportunities and discuss how to take advantage of them.
  **Source:** Accredited Schools Online
  **Link:** www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/scholarships-financial-aid-for-students-with-disabilities/

• **Higher Education for Students with Disabilities**
  This guide aims to help disabled students and their parents better understand their rights and responsibilities in regard to a postsecondary education.
  **Source:** Accredited Schools Online
  **Link:** www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/best-accredited-colleges-schools-for-students-with-disabilities

• **Thriving in Trade School with a Disability**
  The following guide highlights the benefits of vocational education, potential careers, and laws that protect both students and employees with disabilities.
  **Source:** Accredited Schools Online
  **Link:** www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/people-with-disabilities

• **Graduate School Success for Students with Disabilities**
  The following guide provides funding sources, resources for students with visual and hearing impairments, and an expert interview discussing how to excel in graduate school as a student with a disability.
  **Source:** Go Grad
  **Link:** www.gograd.org/resources/students-with-disabilities

**Articles, Guides, and Fact Sheets**

• **Developmentally Disabled, and Going to College**
  **Source:** The New York Times
  **Link:** www.nytimes.com/2017/08/03/education/edlife/students-developmental-learning-disabilities-college.html
• **The Path to Higher Education With an Intellectual Disability**
  *Source:* The Atlantic  

• **Postsecondary Institutions and Students With Disabilities Factsheet**
  This document explains the legal obligations that postsecondary institutions have toward students with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Also available as a PDF and large print PDF  
  *Source:* ADA National Network  
  *Link:* [adata.org/factsheet/postsecondary](http://adata.org/factsheet/postsecondary)

• **The ADA and Higher Education (PDF)**
  *Source:* Great Lakes ADA Center  
  *Link:* [adagreatlakes.com/Publications/Legal_Briefs/BriefNo26_ADA_Higher_ED.pdf](http://adagreatlakes.com/Publications/Legal_Briefs/BriefNo26_ADA_Higher_ED.pdf)

• **College Resources for Students with Disabilities**
  With more adaptive technologies and progressive legislature, prospective college students with disabilities have countless resources available to make the transition to higher education less stressful. This guide helps these students and their families better understand the resources available to them.  
  *Source:* Affordable Colleges Online  

• **College Students with ASD**
  This guide offers information, expert advice and resources to help make the transition to college smooth and successful for students with ASD and their families.  
  *Source:* Affordable Colleges Online  

• **ADA Q & A: Section 504 & Postsecondary Education**
  Many parents of students with disabilities have learned the basics of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). However, as students and their families prepare for the transition from secondary school to postsecondary options they often find they are less familiar with the protections provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The questions addressed in this document reflect those most commonly asked of PACER staff regarding the ADA and postsecondary institutions.
Source: Pacer Center
Link: www.pacer.org/publications/adaqa/504.asp

- **Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities**
  Pamphlet that explains the rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities who are preparing to attend post-secondary schools. This pamphlet also explains the obligations of a post-secondary school to provide academic adjustments, including auxiliary aids and services, to ensure the school does not discriminate on the basis of disability.
  Source: Office for Civil Rights (OCR) - U.S. Department of Education
  Link: ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html

- **Transition to College: Strategic Planning to Ensure Success for Students With Learning Disabilities**
  Source: National Center for Learning Disabilities
  Link: gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:247df126-9e68-4905-ab4d-eaac812becc1/TransitiontoCollege%20(2).pdf

- **Transition of Students with Disabilities to Post-Secondary Education: A Guide for High School Educators**
  The purpose of this guide is to provide high school educators with answers to questions students with disabilities may have as they get ready to move to the post-secondary education environment.
  Source: Office for Civil Rights (OCR) - U.S. Department of Education
  Link: ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transitionguide.html

- **iTransition**
  A free, online transition curriculum to help students who are deaf or hard of hearing prepare for life after high school. There are three separate trainings with activities to help students learn about themselves, their career goals, and the skills they need to be successful in the future. Registration and Login is required to access iTransition.
  - Career Interests and Education Choices: It's My Plan!
  - First Year College Success: Be the One!
  - Essential Skills for College Living: It's My Life
  Source: pepnet2 – deaf and hard of hearing
  Link: itransition.pepnet.org

- **Punch-in!**
  A resource designed to help young adults with disabilities be successful with their employment endeavors. Includes: self-paced tutorials, expert advice, a moderated
online course, and video resources to develop job-seeking strategies.  
**Source:** Great Lakes ADA Center  
**Link:** punch-in.org

**Videos**

- **Do You Dream in Color?**  
  Do You Dream in Color? is a poignant coming of age story that captures the journeys of four blind teenagers as they strive to achieve their goals. Their stories shine a provocative light on both the social and institutional obstacles faced by people who are blind.  
  **Source:** Presented by Wiltonhouse pictures, in association with Isotope Films, and The National Federation of the Blind  
  **Link:** www.doyoudreamincolor.com

- **Meet Harry Dydo: InclusiveU student and proud Syracuse basketball manager**  
  **Source:** Syracuse.com  
  **Link:** www.syracuse.com/orangebasketball/index.ssf/2017/03/meet_harry_dydo_the_syracuse_basketball_manager_with_a_big_heart_and_special_nee.html

- Succeeding in College and Work, Students with Disabilities Tell Their Stories  
  **Source:** New England ADA Center’s video series

  - **Valeska’s Video**  
    When Valeska was just three years old, her parents were told that she would never go to college. Valeska did struggle in school, but after many years of dropping in and out of school, Valeska, found her way. As an older student with learning disabilities, she shares her strategies for success. Watch Valeska’s story. (9:34)  
    **Link:** www.newenglandada.org/videos/succeeding-college-and-work-students-disabilities-tell-their-stories-valeska

  - **Santara’s Video**  
    A college student with spina bifida explains the process of negotiating classroom accommodations that make the difference in her achieving academic success. (7:48)  
    **Link:** www.newenglandada.org/videos/succeeding-college-and-work-students-disabilities-tell-their-stories-santara

  - **Alexander’s Video**  
    As an infant, Alexander developed a visual impairment. Alexander tells a story about how he covered up his disability all the way to junior high. When his ‘cover
up' was discovered by his teacher - it changed his life. Alexander is currently an engineer at Mathworks. (7:12)


- **Danielle’s Video**
  Danielle always wanted to be a nurse. While in nursing school, she is told by the Dean of Nursing she cannot become a nurse because she is missing her right hand. Watch Danielle find ways to negotiate an accommodation, succeed in nursing school, and land a job as a pediatric nurse. (9:42)

**Conferences**

- **Disabled and Proud**
  National conference of college students and future college students with disabilities held at the University Sheraton at Syracuse University, located on the Syracuse University campus in Syracuse, NY – October, 2014. The conference materials are available on line.
  **Link:** [taishoffcenter.syr.edu/disabledandproud](http://taishoffcenter.syr.edu/disabledandproud)

- **State of the Art Conference on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**
  Annual conference which explores the recent trends and best practices for educating this new population on college campuses.
  **Sponsor:** Helen Keller Institute
  **Link:** [kihd.gmu.edu/policy/conference](http://kihd.gmu.edu/policy/conference)

**Books**

- **The Power to Spring Up: Post-secondary Opportunities for Students with Significant Disabilities**
  (Woodbine House, 2009) by Diana M. Katovitch. This book is currently out of print, but some copies are available through Amazon.com. Additional copies can be purchased directly from the author; contact Dee at inclusiveu@syr.edu with the word “book” in the subject line.

- **Preparing Students with Disabilities for College Success: A Practical Guide to Transition Planning**
  (Brookes, 2010) by Stan F. Shaw, Joseph W. Madaus, and Lyman L. Dukes, III.
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