

Types of Programs for College-Bound Students with Learning or Developmental Disabilities

	Traditional		Comprehensive Support Program		Resource School	
Setting	2 or 4 year college	Distance learning	College with academic support program	College with life skills support program	College prep academic program	College prep life skills program
Example program	Grinnell College College of DuPage	UMass Online	ACHIEVE at Southern Illinois University	The College Program for Students with AS at Marshall Univ.	Landmark College	PACE at National Louis University
Degree	Associates Bachelors		Associates Bachelors		Associates	Transferrable credits
Source of accommodations	Office of Disability Services		Support Program		Support Program	
Natural Supports	Living at home vs living on campus; small college with personal oversight; mandatory study groups; intensive courses/reduced work load; Freshman seminars; attending same school as sibling; on campus counseling; omission of gen ed	Living at home; ability to work at own pace and time	Possibilities include living at home versus living on campus; small college with personal oversight; mandatory study groups; intensive courses/reduced work load; Freshman seminars; attending same school as sibling; on campus counseling; omission of gen ed requirements		N/A	N/A

	requirements					
Additional supports	Will depend on student qualification but could include accommodations such as extended time on tests and assignments, printed materials, and assistive technology.		Tutorials, note takers, advocacy, organizational oversight	Social support group, mentoring, advocacy, accountability, early arrival at beginning of school year	Small classes, personal assistance/advising, direct teaching of skills and strategies, assistive technology, specialized curricula	Formal instruction in academics, career preparation, life skills and socialization; curriculum to prepare students for independent living and employment
Options to Consider	Create hybrid program; hire private coach		Enroll in a college with a support program, but wait to see if it's needed before applying to support program		Use as a springboard to a degree program	
Fees	Accommodations included in tuition		College tuition plus \$6,400/year program tuition	College tuition plus \$6,400/year program tuition	\$54,200/year (includes room & board)	\$34,000/year (includes room & board)
Student Attributes (with or without self-directed supports)	Solid academic skills, solid life skills, high motivation to achieve in college, ability to seek out help as needed	Solid academic skills, high motivation to achieve in college	Solid life skills, willingness to accept help, desire to attend college	Solid academic skills, willingness to accept help, desire to attend college	Solid life skills, willingness to accept help, desire to attend college	Willingness to accept help, desire to attend college