Post-Secondary Programs for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Comprehensive Transition Programs

Comprehensive Transition Programs (CTP's) offer the most "comprehensive" education programs. Comprehensive Transition Programs can be found at select colleges and universities. Comprehensive Transition Programs support students in developing academic, vocational and independent living skills. These types of programs vary by location but tend to be 2-4 years in length.

http://www.coe.fau.edu/academicdepartments/ese/aci/

Access Programs

Access programs are for individuals who are 18-22 years of age and are often run in collaboration between a university and the local school district.

http://education.fiu.edu/pantherlife/index.html

Other Certificate Programs

Many community/state colleges and trade schools offer certificate programs in job specific areas (i.e. childcare, auto mechanics).

http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/areasofstudy/default.aspx

Private Organizations

Private organizations sometimes provide career training for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These types of programs are sometimes specific to a certain type of disability.

https://www.arcpbc.org/

http://www.elsforautism.com/

https://marinocampus.org/

Agency Programs

Several state and local agencies offer courses on topics such as cooking or hospitality.

http://www.careersourcepbc.com/

More Information

For more information regarding post-secondary education for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or to find a program in your area, please visit www.ThinkCollege.net.