

Many North Carolinians with intellectual and developmental disabilities believe they don't have the option to go to college or pursue their dreams.

Access to Achievement changes that.

About

Access to Achievement is a legislatively created initiative (2023) that promotes increased employment outcomes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in North Carolina.

It ensures opportunities for credentials, degrees and diplomas in an inclusive community college setting.

Access to Achievement fosters support for:

- Establishing best practices for providing vocational training for individuals with IDD;
- Providing financial and benefits counseling;
- Maximizing access to credential, diploma and degree programs;
- Promoting inclusive college environments;
- Ensuring communities are aware of the opportunities available

Access to Achievement is currently funded at these community colleges:

- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
- Alamance Community College
- Brunswick Community College
- Catawba Valley Community College
- College of the Albemarle
- Guilford Technical Community College
- James Sprunt Community College
- Johnston Community College
- McDowell Technical Community College
- Richmond Community College
- Robeson Community College
- Sandhills Community College
- South Piedmont Community College
- Stanly Community College
- Wilkes Community College

Access to Achievement is currently funded at 15 community colleges across the state, each of which employs an Access to Achievement Coordinator.

Access to Achievement Coordinators will:

- Improve the ability of community college staff to offer education and support services while improving employability skills
- Support colleges in providing on-the-job training and apprenticeships in business and industry for individuals with IDD.
- Work with students to develop a Person-Centered Plan that will guide them toward their educational and employment goals

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