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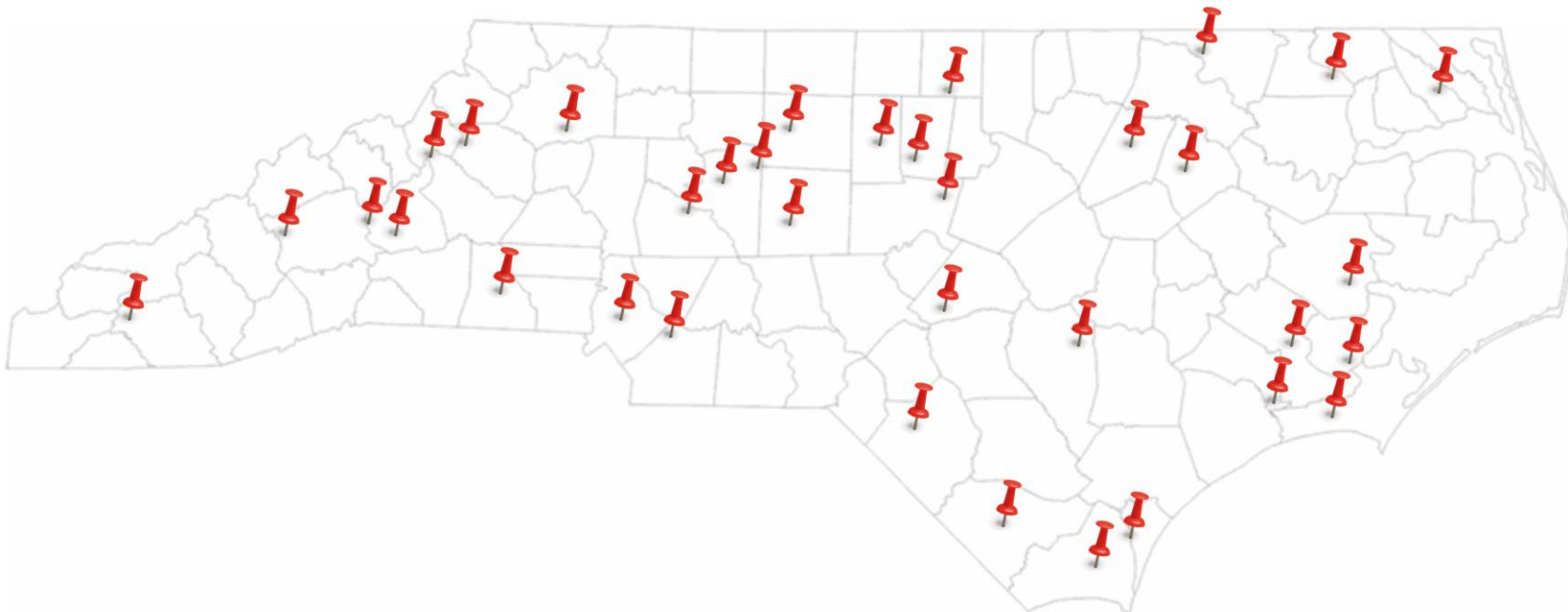


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University Programs

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<p>Appalachian State University</p> <p><i>Scholars with Diverse Abilities</i> (2 years)</p>	For students with ID—completely integrative courses related to career and personal interests and service-learning opportunities	20	✓	✓	<p>Dr. Susan Hedges</p> <p>sdap@appstate.edu</p>	https://sdap.apps.tate.edu/
<p>University of North Carolina Greensboro</p> <p><i>Beyond Academics</i> (4 years)</p>	For students with ID and DD—integrative community studies on self-determination, life planning, and career development	25	✓	✓	beyondacademic@uncg.edu	https://beyondacademics.uncg.edu/
<p>Western Carolina University</p> <p><i>UP</i> (2 years)</p>	For students with ID—fully integrated experience building skills in personal development, community participation, vocational preparation, social participation and learning, and course auditing	12	✓	✓	<p>Kelly Kelley</p> <p>kkelley@wcu.edu</p>	https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/ceap/stl/special-education-programs/university-participant-up-program/index.aspx

Community College Programs

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<p>Central Piedmont Community College, Southwestern Community College, and Asheville-Buncombe Community College</p> <p><i>Project SEARCH</i> (1 year)</p>	<p>For students with ID and/or DD— daily living skills and preparation for competitive employment through internship programs at high-status organizations</p>	<p>6-12</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Jeana Baucant-Koon jeanabaucant@scctc.org</p> <p>Devonne Jimison devonnej@southwesterncc.edu</p> <p>Tim Bleicki projectsearchashville@arcnc.org</p>	<p>https://www.cpc.edu/programs/independence-and-literacy-education-adults-disabilities-i-lead</p> <p>https://www.southwesterncc.edu/college-and-career-readiness/project-search</p> <p>https://www.arcnc.org/programs-and-services/west/project-search</p>

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Alamance Community College <i>Career College</i> (2 years)	For students with ASD, ID, and DD—reading, math, and computer skills with hands-on practicum experiences as Automotive Assistant or Health & Public Services Assistant	8-10 per pathway	✓	✓	Monica Isbell meisbell306@alamancecc.edu Timmy Haith tlhaith717@alamancecc.edu	https://www.alamancecc.edu/services-for-students-site/disability-services/career-college-2/
Alamance Community College <i>ABLE</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, and DD—reading, writing, math, and computer literacy skills with a goal of further academic study and/or employment	35			Aimee Gordon argordon399@alamancecc.edu	https://www.alamancecc.edu/advert-literacy-site/able/
College of the Albemarle <i>ABETO</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID and DD—reading, math, and other life skills to aid transition into the workforce	not restricted			Denise Lane denise_lane87@albemarle.edu	https://www.albemarle.edu/programs-classes/noncredit/courses/intellectual-disabilities-education/

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<p>Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College</p> <p><i>Adult Basic Education Foundations</i> (self-paced)</p>	For students with ASD, ID, DD, TBI, CP, and more—reading and writing, mathematics and personal finance, science and social studies, computer technology, civics and independent living skills, workplace skills, and health and wellness	not restricted		✓	<p>Dr. Barbara Fedock</p> <p>barbarafedock@abtech.edu</p>	<p>https://abtech.edu/programs/adult-ed/adult-basic-education-abe-foundations</p>
<p>Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College</p> <p><i>Career Pipeline</i> (5 months)</p>	For students with ASD, ID, and DD—apprenticeship program focusing on workplace skill development, professionalism, and career-specific training	8-10	✓	✓	<p>Todd Barbee</p> <p>todddbarbee@abtech.edu</p>	<p>https://abtech.edu/programs/adult-ed/adult-basic-education-abe-foundations/career-pipeline</p>
<p>Brunswick Community College</p> <p><i>Brunswick Interagency Program</i> (self-paced)</p>	For students with ID and/or DD—contextualized learning, money management, technology, career exploration, and supported employment	not restricted	✓	✓	<p>Greg Bland</p> <p>blandg@brunswickcc.edu</p>	<p>https://www.brunswickcc.edu/home/find-a-program/brunswick-interagency-program-bip/</p>

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Cape Fear Community College <i>Essentials Program</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID and/or DD— reading, writing, math, computer literacy skills, and career pathway classes	not restricted		✓	Kathy Martinez kmartinez@cfcc.edu	https://cfcc.edu/academic-career-readiness/essentials-program/
Catawba Valley Community College <i>ABE Academy</i> (2-4 years)	For students with ASD, ID, and DD— basic academic instruction that is vocationally contextualized for career exploration with opportunities to enroll in multiple career pathways and specific vocational training classes at departments across campus	40			Vickie Vinson vvinson@cvcc.edu	https://www.cvcc.edu/CCE/Learning And Personal Enrichment/Basic Skills/adult-basic-education.cfm
Central Piedmont Community College <i>I-LEAD</i> (2 years)	For students with ID, DD, and/or TBI— math, science, professional development, creative writing, print shop, book club, theatre, and digital literacy	not restricted		✓	Bree Rivers bree.rivers@cpc.edu	https://www.cpc.edu/programs/independence-and-literacy-education-adults-disabilities-i-lead

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Coastal Carolina Community College <i>Career and Life Skills</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, DD, TBI, CP, and more—work readiness, reading, writing, math, and technology	10-20			Michele Hall hallm@coastalcarolina.edu	https://www.coastalcarolina.edu/academics/cond/ccr/
Craven Community College <i>Transitions Academy</i> (2 years)	For students with ASD—math, reading, writing, technology, and soft skills including modules on horticulture, government, health programs, childcare, carpentry, and food preparation/safety	30		✓	Sandy Bayliss-Carr bayliss-carrs@cravenc.edu	https://cravenc.edu/transitions-academy
Davidson-Davie Community College <i>Occupational Network</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, and DD—reading/language arts, community living, math, consumer education, health, vocational education, and social science	15-18			Jill Storey jill_storey@davidsondavie.edu	https://www.davidsondavie.edu/academics/college-and-career-readiness/occupational-network-abe-class/

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Edgecombe Community College <i>Adult Basic Education I</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID and/or DD— reading, math, writing, digital instruction, vocational skills, and community-based service learning project	not restricted	✓	✓	(252) 618-6704	https://edgecombe.edu/programs/college-and-career-readiness/adult-basic-education-i/
Fayetteville Technical Community College <i>College and Career Readiness</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, and DD— academic advancement and immediate improvement in employability skills	not restricted			Margarete Morley morleym@faytechcc.edu	https://www.faytechcc.edu/corporate-continuing-education/college-career-readiness/
Guildford Technical Community College <i>POWER Pathways</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID and/or DD— basic reading, math, computer and writing skills, as well as employability skills and career preparation as well as one-year pathways in Food Service and Customer Service	not restricted		✓	Eduardo Garcia egarcia7@gtcc.edu	https://www.gtcc.edu/academics/adult-education/power-pathways/

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Halifax Community College <i>Students with Disabilities</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID and/or DD— classes for academic and personal improvement and increased opportunities for gainful employment in new or existing industries in the Roanoke Valley and beyond	20			Dale Fey dfey@halifaxcc.edu	https://halifaxcc.edu/WED/Literacy/
Haywood Community College <i>Career College</i> (2 years)	For students with ID and/or DD— reading, math, and computer skills as well as hands-on practicum experience within a specific program of study	not restricted		✓	Jessica Honeycutt jhoneycutt@haywood.edu	https://old.haywood.edu/instruction/college-and-career-readiness/career-college
Mayland Community College <i>Life Skills and Work Skills Academy</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, DD, and TBI— build independent living and workforce skills, make connections with local employers, master specific job tasks, and develop an Interview Portfolio	30			lifeskills@mayland.edu	https://www.mayland.edu/continuing-education/pre-college-ged-esl/work-skills-academy/

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Nash Community College <i>Foundation Adult Basic Education</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID and DD— academics (math and language arts) as well as coursework in specific career pathways for hospitality and food service, gardening and lawn maintenance, commercial cleaning, and retail sales	not restricted	✓		Roslyn Pemberton rapemberton859@nashcc.edu	https://www.nashcc.edu/courses-programs/continuing-education-programs/detail/college-career-readiness
Pitt Community College <i>Career Academy</i> (2 years)	For students with ID, DD, and ASD— develop job skills, career choices, academics in career contexts, and goals and objectives for job attainment in partnership with Pitt County Vocational Rehabilitation Services	25	✓	✓	Melissa Morlock mwmorlock745@my.pittcc.edu	https://pittcc.edu/academics/academic-programs/transitional-studies/career-academy/
Randolph Community College <i>ABLE</i>	For students with ASD, ID, DD, TBI, CP, and more— academic skills and social, digital, and technical skills	not restricted		✓	Emma Lambirth eplambirth@randolph.edu	https://www.randolph.edu/academics/college-and-career-



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(self-paced)	to further personal and professional development					readiness-programs.aspx
Robeson Community College <i>ABET</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID and/or TBI— basic skills and abilities needed to become more independent and self-directed and meet and manage community, social, work, and personal adult responsibilities	not restricted			Banessa McCormick bwilliams@roberson.edu	https://www.roberson.edu/ccr/
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College <i>SOAR</i> (2 years)	For students with ASD, ID, DD, and TBI— classes on functional academics, community living, health and safety, leisure activities and humanities and participation in campus and community activities	20	✓	✓	Jay Taylor jay.taylor@rccc.edu	https://www.rccc.edu/precollege/about-the-soar-program/

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Sampson Community College <i>ACE</i> (self-paced)	For students with ID—reading, writing, math and vocational training through Project Discovery	not restricted			Kim Testerman ktesterman@sampsoncc.edu	https://www.sampsoncc.edu/wdce/academy-of-continuing-excellence/
South Piedmont Community College <i>Compass Education</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, DD, TBI, CP, and more—math, reading, writing, soft skills, and occupational pathways in food service and heritage arts	not restricted			Robin Rowland rrowland@spcc.edu	https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/adult-basic-skills/compass-education/
Wake Technical Community College <i>Pathfinder Career Exploration Program</i> (2 years)	For students with ASD, ID, DD, TBI, CP, and more—six employment-focused cohorts in horticulture and landscaping, health care, animal care/pet retail, business/customer service, food service/culinary, and technology as well as career pathway opportunities in hospitality and barista/café training	15-16 per cohort		✓	Julia Tennant jatennant@waketech.edu	https://www.waketech.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/strengthen-basic-skills/adult-basic-education/abe

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Wilkes Community College <i>Career Step</i> (self-paced)	For students with ASD, ID, DD, TBI, CP, and more— basic academics, liberal arts, employability skills, workplace readiness, and computer skills, concluding with hands-on training for a chosen career pathway (e.g., culinary)	not restricted			Kimberly Critzer kmcritzer816@wilkescc.edu	https://www.wilkescc.edu/ccr/

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Pitt and Wake Tech Community Colleges <i>T-STEP</i> (12 weeks)	For students with ASD—organization and executive function skills, emotion regulation skills, and social skills through the classroom, counseling, and volunteer internships	8-10		✓	Rashad Carlson TSTEPinfo@med.unc.edu	https://teacch.com/cllc/t-step-teacch-school-transition-to-employment-and-postsecondary-education/
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill <i>HEELS 2 Transition</i> <i>HEELS Prep</i> (4 weeks)	For students with ID and/or DD— hybrid in-person and virtual experience building skills in self-management, life skills, career development, mental health, and community safety	10			Dara Chan heels2transition@med.unc.edu	https://www.med.unc.edu/healthsciences/outreach/heels2transition/heelsprep/
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill <i>HEELS 2 Transition</i> <i>HEELS UP</i> (4 weeks)	For students with ID and/or DD— supported participation in social opportunities and a summer course at UNC Chapel Hill through a person-centered plan	2-4			Jennifer Diliberto jdil@email.unc.edu	https://www.med.unc.edu/healthsciences/outreach/heels2transition/heelsup/

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University of North Carolina Chapel Hill <i>LEND</i> (1 year)	For students with DD—improve leadership skills, learn about disability history and current issue, and grow in self-advocacy through sharing life experience with other students	3			Jean Mankowski jean.mankowski@cidd.unc.edu	http://www.cidd.unc.edu/Education/LEND/Default.aspx

Note: This list is not all inclusive.