



# Education and Opportunity for Every Ability in North Carolina

Access to Achievement is an inclusive education and workforce initiative that empowers students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) across North Carolina's community colleges. The program fosters economic mobility, workforce readiness, and community involvement through personalized support and meaningful opportunities.

## Partnering with Access to Achievement

Every person deserves the opportunity to realize their potential and contribute to their community. Access to Achievement breaks down barriers, creating pathways for individuals with IDD to succeed in school, work and life.

As a community partner, you can play a pivotal role in this transformation. By working together, we can help individuals achieve their dreams while building a stronger, more inclusive society.



## Did You Know?

**Only 35% of working-age North Carolinians with disabilities are employed.**

Access to Achievement equips students with the skills and support they need to succeed in today's workforce.

*(Source: North Carolina Office of State Human Resources)*

## Get Involved



### Refer Individuals

Encourage community members with IDD to explore Access to Achievement at their local community college. This is especially helpful to high school students who may not believe college is a viable path for them.



### Collaborate

Partner with Access to Achievement to help students apply classroom skills to real-world scenarios while gaining dedicated, enthusiastic talent for your organization.





### Spread the Word

Share information about Access to Achievement with your network to help raise awareness, or invite our coordinators to speak to your group.





# How You Can Make an Impact



## Build Connections

-  **Introduce** individuals with IDD to the tools and resources available through Access to Achievement that help them reach their full potential—academically, professionally and personally.
-  **Champion** access to education, career planning and inclusive employment opportunities within your community.

## Engage with Students

-  **Work alongside** Access to Achievement to offer real-world learning opportunities like job coaching, internships or flexible work arrangements that align with classroom experiences.
-  **Be a catalyst** for change by fostering a more inclusive and diverse workforce through direct engagement with Access to Achievement students.

## Increase Visibility for Inclusion

-  **Share** inspiring success stories that highlight how Access to Achievement transforms lives, demonstrating the power of inclusive education and workforce readiness.
-  **Amplify** the program's impact by leveraging your networks, hosting events or using communication channels to spread the word about Access to Achievement.



## Did You Know?

Students with access to tailored support services are **2.5x more likely to complete their education** and find meaningful employment.

*(Source: National Center for Learning Disabilities)*



Learn more about Access to Achievement and how we can work together to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

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