



ACE-IT in College

Inclusive college experience for
students with intellectual disabilities



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“College has given me a fresh start. I can make my own identity. I’m making new friends and getting my life together.”

—VCU ACE-IT in College student



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Virginia Commonwealth University's **ACE-IT in College** is a unique college experience for students with intellectual disabilities. Throughout the four-semester program, students take VCU classes, work part-time and participate in an internship. The main goal of ACE-IT in College is future competitive employment in a student's interest area.

ACE-IT students:

- Are 18 to 26 years old
- Are part-time VCU students
- Take VCU courses
- Work a part-time job
- Fulfill an internship
- Participate in campus activities
- Receive a VCU School of Education certificate

ACE-IT outcomes

90% of alumni obtain paid, competitive, inclusive employment

86% of students and families describe improved quality of life

Students aren't going it alone!

Students are part of a team every step of the way.

ACE-IT VCU academic advisors are VCU staff who:

- Meet with students to choose VCU classes
- Help students track progress toward career goals

Education coaches are VCU students who:

- Support ACE-IT students as they navigate and participate in classes

Peer supports are VCU peers who:

- Spend time with ACE-IT students in community and campus activities

ACE-IT employment staff help students:

- Obtain campus jobs and internships
- Learn job tasks and career skills
- Learn to travel to and from work

Support team members include students, families and community agencies who take an active role to:

- Develop the student's person-centered plan
- Assist with independent-living skills
- Support during an internship and post-graduation employment



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