

INCLUSIVE, ON-CAMPUS, COLLEGE EXPERIENCE ACE IT in College is a collaboration between the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center and the Partnership for People with Disabilities in the VCU School of Education.

ACE IT in College serves students with intellectual disabilities who are 18-26 years of age. Students commit to a thirty month college experience. Features include:

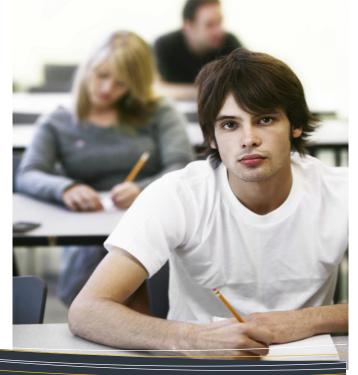
- Course selection from existing college classes based on students' career interests
- Education coaches and job coaches as needed
- Internships, service learning, or work experiences
- Opportunities for networking

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## College experience for young adults with intellectual disabilities



# Inclusive • On-Campus • College Experience

#### VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

### **Students Can Expect**

- A person centered plan to discover student career goals and course selection
- An individualized program, up to 6 credits per semester, with core courses and electives from the VCU class schedule
- Service learning courses that blend campus and community life
- Work experience opportunities
- Education and job coaches for on-campus support .
- Access to campus social activities and student clubs

#### **Criteria for Acceptance**

- Students with intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, autism spectrum disorder or multiple disabilities
- Ages 18-26
- Graduated with a modified standard or special diploma
- Have a strong interest in attending college
- Have a plan to obtain competitive employment upon completion of ACE IT in College



## Apply

Applicants must apply to ACE IT in College first. If accepted, applicants complete a VCU application for admission and pay tuition and fees.



## **Participate in Orientation**

After acceptance, all applicants participate in a campus orientation.



## **Receive Supports**

An academic advisor guides course selection. Education and job coaches provide supports on campus.





Requirements

EXPERIENCE

AND FEES

PROVIDE

SUBMIT APPLICATION

COMMIT TO 30-MONTH

COLLEGE AND WORK

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Academic & Career Exploration: Individualized Techniques