Transitioning to Adulthood | College

COLLEGE PROGRAMS IN LOUISIANA FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Louisiana offers several inclusive higher education programs, which allow students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to enjoy a college experience. These programs are Comprehensive Transition Programs (CTP). CTPs are degree, non-degree, or certificate programs for students with intellectual disabilities. These programs are designed to give students opportunities to grow educationally and socially.

Baton Rouge Community College
Program for Successful Employment
3520 N. Acadian Thruway E
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
Phone: (225) 359-9205
Website: https://tinyurl.com/PSEBRCCollege
The Program for Successful Employment (PSE) is a two-year vocational training program for adults with autism and/or other cognitive differences. The program combines academic and job skills training with externship opportunities in regional businesses. Each group that starts will stay together as a cohort.

Bossier Parish Community College
Program for Successful Employment
6220 E. Texas Street | Bossier City, LA
Shelli Ulrich, Director
Phone: (318) 678-6358
Email: sulrich@bpcc.edu
Website: https://tinyurl.com/PSEBossierPCC
The Program for Successful Employment (PSE) is a division of Workforce Development at BPCC providing flexible and innovative education and training for individuals with significant disabilities or support needs.

LSU Health Human Development Center
Post-Secondary Apprenticeship for Youth (Pay Check)
New Orleans, LA
Sue Killam
Postsecondary Apprenticeship for Youth (PAY Check) is an innovative collaboration between the LSUHSC-Human Development Center (HDC), Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS), public school systems, and employers in the New Orleans metro area. PAY Check is a 3-semester program where students participate in courses at a post-secondary institution, engage in professional career development activities, learning community and work-related skills, and gain employment experience through two 10-week paid internships.

**LSU of Alexandria - LSUA**
**Special Program for the Enhancement of Resources and Opportunities for Students with Developmental Disabilities (SPERO)**
Dr. Eamon Halpin, Chair of SPERO Steering Committee  
Phone: (318) 767-2603  
Email: ehalpin@lsua.edu  
Website: [https://tinyurl.com/LSUASPERO](https://tinyurl.com/LSUASPERO)

LSUA’s SPERO program aims to bring hope to the lives of young people with developmental disabilities—by providing them with the resources and opportunities that will help them lead more independent lives and take up meaningful and rewarding employment in their communities.

**LSU Lutrill & Pearl Payne School of Education - Baton Rouge**
**LSU Integrative Community Studies Program**
Dr. Willie Louviere, Program Director, Integrative Community Studies  
Phone: (225) 578-3462  
Email: icscertificate@lsu.edu  
Website: [https://tinyurl.com/LSU-ICS](https://tinyurl.com/LSU-ICS)

LSU Integrative Community Studies Program, known as the LSU Community, is a two-year certificate program designed to provide individuals with moderate disabilities with a life-changing university experience for program residents. Our primary goal is to prepare students for independent living, provide functional academic enrichment, teach and develop workforce readiness skills, build interpersonal communication skills, and promote real-world engagement.

**Nicholls State University**
**Bridge to Independence**
Dr. Mary Breaud, Bridge Program Advisor  
P.O. Box 2053 | Thibodaux, LA 70310  
Phone: (985) 448-4341  
Email: mary.breaud@nicholls.edu  
Website: [https://tinyurl.com/BtINicholls](https://tinyurl.com/BtINicholls)

At Nicholls State University, students with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder have the opportunity to enjoy the full college experience while gaining the leadership and social skills needed for future employment and independent living.
Southeastern Louisiana University
**Lions Connected**
SLU Box 10671 | Hammond, LA 70402
Dr. Geralinde Beckers, Associate Professor / Lions Connected Director
Location: TEC 214
Phone: (985) 549-3030
Email: Gbeckers@southeastern.edu
Email: LionsConnected@southeastern.edu
Website: [https://tinyurl.com/LionsConnectedSE](https://tinyurl.com/LionsConnectedSE)
Lions Connected courses, combined with college-level courses, are centered around the practice of “learning by doing.” As students in the LC program prepare for a career they love, staff work closely with each student to customize their courses and college experience.

University of Louisiana-Lafayette
**UL Life Program**
P.O. Box 43687 | Lafayette, LA 70504
Caroline N. Jurisich, Director
Randolph Hall 221
Phone: (337) 482-9022
Email: lifeprogram@louisiana.edu
Website: [https://tinyurl.com/UL-LifeProgram](https://tinyurl.com/UL-LifeProgram)
The UL LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) Program is a highly personalized program for young adults with intellectual disabilities. By combining academic, social, and career development skills at the college level, young adults with intellectual disabilities can become thriving members of the college community.