



Students with intellectual disabilities are attending college in Colorado!

IN! is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2014 by educators, disability leaders, students and families who have a vision for better and more fulfilling career opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities (ID). Our mission is to create fully inclusive college opportunities in Colorado for students with ID to foster academic growth, social development, and career advancement.

Until recently, low expectations coupled with limited opportunities have prevented individuals with ID from the benefits associated with a college education. Nationally, students with ID who are completing inclusive college programs are experiencing the advantages of higher education, including **better jobs, higher wages, and greater independence.**

For the first time in Colorado history, individuals with ID were welcomed on three college campuses in 2016 through the hard work of IN!. They are fully included members of the student body and enjoy all of the rights and responsibilities that come with campus membership.

Students apply to the inclusive service office on the college campus:



University of Northern Colorado

GOAL – Go On and Learn

<http://www.unco.edu/unc-goal/>



Inclusive Services

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
COLORADO SPRINGS

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Office of Inclusive Services

<https://www.uccs.edu/inclusiveservices/>



Arapahoe Community College -

Elevate at ACC

<https://www.arapahoe.edu/elevate-acc>



Admission Requirements

- Desire to go to college.
- Be able to participate in class and campus activities with support.
- Express an interest to live and work as independently as possible.
- Completed K-12 education. Students may choose to participate in their district transition (18-21) program before starting college.
- Have a documented intellectual disability with a need for support in academics, career, social, and independence.
- Students do not need to meet the traditional college entry criteria. No SAT / ACT, specific academic level, prerequisite classes, or GPA are required.

Students will:

- Earn a certificate from their respective institute of higher education, with a concentration in their area of study.
- Complete three courses each semester – following an individualized Plan of Study. This includes two courses from the school's regular catalog and one specialized course designed to support students with disabilities.
- Join clubs and participate in campus activities.
- Participate in career related internships and work experiences.
- Create a personal portfolio.
- Engage in paid on-campus and off-campus employment.
- Set goals and develop a clear career path.

Each inclusive service office is designed to support the student's success on campus:

- Students receive both accommodations and modifications as needed in their courses.
- All students are provided additional academic and social support through person centered planning, peer mentors, and their schools' office of disability services.
- The goal is for students to leave college prepared for employment and greater independence.
- Students participate in commencement exercises.

For information on college costs and resources, please see [inclusivehighered.org/college-options/funding.html](https://www.inclusivehighered.org/college-options/funding.html)