

# **Transitioning, Vocational Services, and Disability Services at Iowa Colleges for the Student with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

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## **Transitioning from High School to College**

*The following links are provided to assist students with disabilities in their transition from high school to college:*

### **Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities**

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>

### **Taking the Next Step, Transitioning to College, from the University of Northern Iowa**

<http://www.uni.edu/sds/documents/TheNextSteps.pdf>

### **Transitioning Information for the Parent of the Student**

<http://www.aea1.k12.ia.us/index.cfm?nodeID=46503&audienceID=1>

### **What is the difference between accommodations and modifications?**

[http://www.aea1.k12.ia.us/index.cfm/49944/5774/accommodations\\_modifications\\_is\\_there\\_difference\\_by\\_anna\\_stamat\\_coordinator\\_of\\_disability\\_services\\_northeast\\_iowa\\_community\\_college](http://www.aea1.k12.ia.us/index.cfm/49944/5774/accommodations_modifications_is_there_difference_by_anna_stamat_coordinator_of_disability_services_northeast_iowa_community_college)

### **Preparing for College - An Online Tutorial: A Guide for High School Students and Their**

**Advocates.** Learn how to advocate, what your learning style is and what accommodations you will need, finding an academic area to study, and financial aid resources.

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/Brochures/Academics/cprep.html>

### **AHEAD – Association on Higher Education and Disability Sessions on the Student with Autism/Asperger’s Syndrome**

<http://www.ahead.org/search/node/autism>

## **Vocational Training**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

<http://www.ivrs.iowa.gov/Transition/Transitionhome.htm>

### **Job Corps**

[www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov](http://www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov) or 1-800-5627 to reach an admissions counselor

### **Online College Programs**

<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/iowa/>

## **Disability Services at State Universities in Iowa**

### **Iowa State University, Ames**

Disability web site:

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/dr>

Student Disability Resources Contact Information:

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/dr/about>

Student Disability Resources for New Students:

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/dr/transition>

Frequently Asked Questions about how to document your disability, exam accommodations, and additional assistance

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/dr/staff/examaccom>

Educational Accommodations:

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/dr/student>

Exam Accommodation Form, for an instructor to fill out to assist a student:

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/dr/staff/examaccom>

Housing Accommodations:

<http://www.housing.iastate.edu/contracts/requests.html>

## **University of Iowa, Iowa City**

Disability Web Site:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/sds/>

Disability Services Staff:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/sds/staff.shtml>

UI Disability Services Brochure:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/sds/forms.shtml>

Academic Accommodations:

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/services/reach/home--multiple>

How to apply for accommodations:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/sds/apply.shtml>

Documenting your disability:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/sds/documentationguidelines.shtml>

Information for Service Providers and Classroom Teachers:

--ICATER is a technology and universal design resource for all members of the education community to build learner capacity, and increase access to learning opportunities. This is more for service providers/classroom teachers

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/centers/icater/home>

## **University of Iowa REACH Program**

The University of Iowa REACH Program is a two-year, transition certificate program for students with multiple intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities. UI REACH provides a campus experience to empower young adults to become independent, engaged members of the community. Courses, campus life, and career preparation assist students in reaching their full potential. UI REACH strives to maintain periodic contact with alumni to encourage them to become independent adults by utilizing the independent living and career-related skills they learned in the program.

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/services/reach/home>

## **University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls**

Disability Web Site and Contact Information:

<http://www.uni.edu/resources/disability>

Transitioning for New Students:

<http://www.uni.edu/sds/prospectivesdsstudents%5Cpreparingforthetransition>

Applying for Services:

<http://www.uni.edu/sds/applyingforservices>

Accommodations and Services Offered in the Classroom:

<http://www.uni.edu/sds/accommodationsandservices>

Additional accommodations offered, such as residence hall accommodations and mentoring.

<http://www.uni.edu/sds/accommodationsandservices/otheraccommodationsandservices>

Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://www.uni.edu/sds/faqs>

## **Disability Services in Community Colleges in Iowa**

**Clinton Community College, Clinton** (See Eastern Iowa Community College)

**Des Moines Area Community College**

**Campuses: Ankeny, Carroll, Newton, Urban/DM, West Des Moines**

Disability Web Site:

[https://go.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/disabilities/Pages/welcome.aspx](https://go.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities/Pages/welcome.aspx)

Contact Information:

[https://go.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/disabilities/Pages/disabilitystaff.aspx](https://go.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities/Pages/disabilitystaff.aspx)

Information on how to apply for accommodations and services:

[https://go.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/disabilities/Pages/disabilityhow.aspx](https://go.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities/Pages/disabilityhow.aspx)

Transitioning information for high school students:

[https://go.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/disabilities/Pages/highschoolstudents.aspx](https://go.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities/Pages/highschoolstudents.aspx)

### STRIVE - Selected Training Received in Vocational Education

STRIVE is a support program on the Des Moines Area Community College Ankeny campus for special education students requiring transition assistance from high school to a vocational program at DMACC.

- Vocational training is provided through regular DMACC vocational courses with resource support from STRIVE staff.
- STRIVE has served area students since 1981 in vocational/technical training.
- The STRIVE staff includes 2 certified special education personnel.
- STRIVE's ultimate goal for students is employment in the career field for which they are being trained.

<https://go.dmacc.edu/strive/Pages/welcome.aspx>

### **Eastern Iowa Community College**

#### **Campuses: Bettendorf, Clinton, Davenport, Muscatine**

Disability video and support services information for high school students:

<http://www.eicc.edu/future-students/students-with-disabilities.aspx>

Disability video and contact information for students:

<http://www.eicc.edu/adultlearning/services/disabled>

### **Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo**

Student Disability Services and Special Needs Coordinator

<https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/services/student-disability-services/default.aspx>

Accommodations and Vocational Rehabilitation

<https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/services/student-disability-services/accommodations/default.aspx>

Disability Documentations

<https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/services/student-disability-services/disability-documentation.aspx>

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

<https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/services/student-disability-services/scholarships.aspx>

Talking to Your Instructors About Your Needs

<https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/services/student-disability-services/talking-to-your-instructors.aspx>

## **Indian Hills Community College**

### **Campuses – Ottumwa (main campus), Centerville**

Disability Services

<http://www.indianhills.edu/success/disabilityservices.html>

Skill Building Courses

<http://www.indianhills.edu/courses/skills/index.html>

## **Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge**

Accommodations and Contact Information to apply for accommodations:

[http://www.iowacentral.edu/success\\_center/accommodation\\_services.asp?ss=t](http://www.iowacentral.edu/success_center/accommodation_services.asp?ss=t)

Academic Resource Center

[http://www.iowacentral.edu/success\\_center/index.asp?ss=t](http://www.iowacentral.edu/success_center/index.asp?ss=t)

## **Iowa Lakes Community College**

### **Campuses – Algona, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Spencer, Spirit Lake**

Disability web site and contact information:

[http://www.iowalakes.edu/educational\\_counseling\\_services/accommodations\\_disability\\_resources/](http://www.iowalakes.edu/educational_counseling_services/accommodations_disability_resources/)

Transition information for the student in high school:

[http://www.iowalakes.edu/educational\\_counseling\\_services/accommodations\\_disability\\_resources/accommodation-transition-information/](http://www.iowalakes.edu/educational_counseling_services/accommodations_disability_resources/accommodation-transition-information/)

Frequently asked questions:

[http://www.iowalakes.edu/educational\\_counseling\\_services/accommodations\\_disability\\_resources/fags/](http://www.iowalakes.edu/educational_counseling_services/accommodations_disability_resources/fags/)

SAVE Program

What is SAVE?

SAVE is a secondary transitional preparatory program for students on a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) located at the Emmetsburg Campus.

Who Participates?

Special Education students 18 to 21 years old on a current IEP who have transitional needs in the following areas:

- A need to develop life skills
- A need to develop employability skills
- A need to develop or explore vocational skills
- A need to develop self-determination skills

Students must possess the skills to be competitively employable and to live with minimal assistance on a college campus.

For more information:

[http://www.iowalakes.edu/student\\_services/special\\_needs\\_services/save\\_program/](http://www.iowalakes.edu/student_services/special_needs_services/save_program/)

## **Iowa Valley Community College (Ellsworth, Grinnell, Marshalltown)**

Resources, Accommodations, and Contact:

[http://www.iavalley.edu/mcc/resources/disability\\_svcs.html](http://www.iavalley.edu/mcc/resources/disability_svcs.html)

## **Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs**

**Disability Services and Accommodations:**

[http://www.iwcc.edu/Current\\_Student/disability.asp](http://www.iwcc.edu/Current_Student/disability.asp)

### B.L.A.S.T.

B.L.A.S.T. Support Services are designed for secondary students that have been receiving special education services while they were in high school. The services are to assist students in participating in the vocational/technical training programs at IWCC by providing special education support and instructional services. This provides students with disabilities an opportunity to develop career or occupationally specific skills. The student remains on the home district roles, so the school pays for tuition, fees, and special education support. The student must remain on his/her IEP and although all high school credits are completed, the student does not officially graduate until he/she has completed the program at IWCC or until the services are no longer needed.

<http://www.cccaid.org/programs/iowa-western-community-college/>

## **Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City**

### Disability Accommodation Services

<http://www.kirkwood.edu/site/index.php?d=1262>

### The Difference Between High School IEP and College IEP

[http://www.kirkwood.edu/pdf/uploaded/1118/iep\\_differences.pdf](http://www.kirkwood.edu/pdf/uploaded/1118/iep_differences.pdf)

### Learning Services

<http://www.kirkwood.edu/learningservices>

### VITAL Program

The Vocational Individualized Training and Learning (VITAL) program assists high school special education students who have completed all of their high school academic requirements transition from high school to a vocational/technical program at Kirkwood. While students are enrolled in VITAL, they officially remain secondary students, but take regular Kirkwood courses in their vocational program.

VITAL staff provides individualized accommodations, instruction/tutoring, and counseling. Referred students must be enrolled in a high school special education program, have vocational training goals and objectives in his/her current IEP, and have completed all academic requirements, but still have unmet vocational training goals.



The VITAL program should be discussed as an option for special education students who desire post-secondary vocational training. By the first semester of the senior year, those students who demonstrate the qualities to succeed in the VITAL program should be referred by the local school district's IEP team.

<http://www.kirkwood.edu/learningservices/VITAL>

Disability Accommodation Services

<http://www.kirkwood.edu/site/index.php?d=1262>

The Difference Between High School IEP and College IEP

[http://www.kirkwood.edu/pdf/uploaded/1118/iep\\_differences.pdf](http://www.kirkwood.edu/pdf/uploaded/1118/iep_differences.pdf)

Learning Services

<http://www.kirkwood.edu/learningservices>

## **North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City**

Disability Services

<http://www.niacc.edu/student-life/disability-services/>

Disability Services Counselor

<http://www.niacc.edu/student-life/disability-services/contact-disability-services-counselor/>

Disability Services Handbook

<http://www.niacc.edu/student-life/disability-services/disability-services-student-handbook/>

Register with Disability Services

<http://www.niacc.edu/student-life/disability-services/register-with-nds/>

Disability Services Video

<http://www.niacc.edu/student-life/disability-services/resources/disability-services-video/>

Transitioning From High School to College (Including Workshop Dates)

<http://www.niacc.edu/student-life/disability-services/transitioning-from-high-school-to-college/>

## **Northeast Iowa Community College – (Calmar, Peosta)**

Disability Services

<https://www.nicc.edu/disability/>

Accommodations and How to Apply:

<https://www.nicc.edu/disability/accommodations/>

Rights and Responsibilities:

<https://www.nicc.edu/disability/rightsandresponsibilities/>

Program Name: PAVE

The Pave Program at Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta Campus, is a secondary special education program for selected students. When you attend Pave, you have the opportunity to participate in community college courses that allow you to explore vocational programs while completing your high school diploma.

The purpose of Pave is to provide an individual vocational course of study which will enable you to become competitively employed, live independently, and strengthen interpersonal skills. Pave students may explore most coursework offered at NICC, provided they meet all prerequisites and classes are not full. Your school district pays for tuition, books, tools, and equipment. Contact your special education teacher or Keystone AEA representative at your high school for more information.

<https://www.nicc.edu/highschool/pave/>

<https://www.nicc.edu/disability/>

## **Northwestern Iowa Community College, Sheldon**

### Program Name: SPAN II

Northwest Iowa Community College works with area high schools to provide fifth-year senior services to students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Services to students in this program include specialized tutoring, career assessment, academic and personal counseling.

Students who participate in this program must be recommended by the high school. If you are a parent or student desiring this service, please contact your high school counselor. The student's IEP is developed and managed by the high school, with input from the NCC SPAN II Coordinator.

<http://www.nwicc.edu/high-school/cps/span.aspx>

Disability Services, Accommodations, and Contact:

<http://www.nwicc.edu/prospective-students/student-services/disability.aspx>

Learning Center

<http://www.nwicc.edu/prospective-students/student-services/learning-center/default.aspx>

### **Southeastern Iowa Community College, Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk**

Disability Services

[http://www.scciowa.edu/prospectivestudents/getting\\_through\\_college/disability\\_svcs.html](http://www.scciowa.edu/prospectivestudents/getting_through_college/disability_svcs.html)

### Program Name: STEP

STEP (Secondary Transitional Education Program) is a program that makes the transition to college and career a little bit easier.

Great Prairie Area Education Agency and Southeastern Community College work together in this program to provide assistance to special needs high school students. Students are able to enroll in one of the many Career Education (vocational) programs offered by SCC in order to prepare for employment.

Please visit the Great Prairie Area Education Agency website for more information, or call – Ann Borchard, Coordinator STEP, 319-208-5098 or 1-866-722-4692 ext. 5098

[http://www.secc.cc.ia.us/highschool/getting\\_through\\_college/step.html](http://www.secc.cc.ia.us/highschool/getting_through_college/step.html)

### **Southwestern Iowa Community College, Creston**

Disability Services, Contact, Accommodations

<http://www.swccowa.edu/about/campus-services/disability-services>

Disability Student Handbook

[http://www.swccowa.edu/downloads/Campus%20Services/Disability%20Services/DisabilityServices\\_StudentHandbook.pdf](http://www.swccowa.edu/downloads/Campus%20Services/Disability%20Services/DisabilityServices_StudentHandbook.pdf)

### **Western Iowa Technical Community College, Sioux City**

Disability Services

[http://www.witcc.edu/student\\_services/disabilities.cfm](http://www.witcc.edu/student_services/disabilities.cfm)

## **Private Colleges and Universities**

### **AIB College of Business, Des Moines**

Disability Services

<http://www.aib.edu/docs/default-source/consumer-info-pdfs/services-and-facilities-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf>

### **Ashford University, Clinton**

Disability Services

[http://www.ashford.edu/student\\_services/access\\_and\\_wellness.htm](http://www.ashford.edu/student_services/access_and_wellness.htm)

### **Briar Cliff, Sioux City**

Student Disability Services

<http://www.briarcliff.edu/academics/student-support/>

Students with Disabilities Handbook

<http://www.briarcliff.edu/media/103569/disabilities.pdf>

### **Buena Vista University, Storm Lake**

Disability Services

<http://www.bvu.edu/bv/cae/disability-accommodations.dot>

### **Central College, Pella**

Student Support Services

<http://www.central.edu/campus-life/student-services/student-support-services/our-services/>

Accommodations and How to Apply

<http://www.central.edu/campus-life/student-services/student-support-services/students-with-disabilities/>

**Clarke University, Dubuque**

Disability Services

<http://www.clarke.edu/page.aspx?id=20768>

**Coe College, Cedar Rapids**

Disability Services

<http://www.coe.edu/campuslife/student-services/aap/disability-services>

Handbook for Students with Disabilities

<http://www.coe.edu/uploads/pdfs/campuslife/aap/disabilityhandbook.pdf>

**Cornell College, Mount Vernon**

Disability Services

<https://www.cornellcollege.edu/academic-support-and-advising/disabilities/index.shtml>

Academic Accommodations

<https://www.cornellcollege.edu/academic-support-and-advising/disabilities/academic-accommodation/index.shtml>

Documentation for the Student with Asperger's and Pervasive Developmental Disorders

<https://www.cornellcollege.edu/academic-support-and-advising/disabilities/documentation/Aspergers.shtml>

Key Points About Disability Services

<https://www.cornellcollege.edu/academic-support-and-advising/disabilities/key-points.shtml>

## **Dordt College, Sioux Center**

### Disability Services

[https://www.dordt.edu/services\\_support/ask\\_center/support\\_services.shtml](https://www.dordt.edu/services_support/ask_center/support_services.shtml)

### Aspire Program

The Aspire Program provides an opportunity for motivated students who have the potential to be successful at Dordt but who do not meet the regular admission standards to benefit from a Dordt education. The program helps such students develop new strategies and skills for learning.

[https://www.dordt.edu/services\\_support/ask\\_center/aspire.shtml](https://www.dordt.edu/services_support/ask_center/aspire.shtml)

### Information for Parents of Students with Disabilities Entering Dordt College

[https://www.dordt.edu/services\\_support/ask\\_center/advising\\_information.shtml](https://www.dordt.edu/services_support/ask_center/advising_information.shtml)

## **Drake University, Des Moines**

### Student Disability Services

<http://www.drake.edu/acadassist/disabilityservices/>

### Prospective Students Information

<http://www.drake.edu/acadassist/disabilityservices/prospectivestudents/>

## **Graceland University, Lamoni**

### Student Disability Services

<http://www.graceland.edu/academics/student-disability-services.cfm>

## **Grandview University, Des Moines**

### Student Disability Services

<http://admissions.grandview.edu.aspx/audience/content.aspx?pageid=59>

## **Grinnell College, Grinnell**

### Disability Services and Accommodations

<http://www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/academic-advising/disability-services>

## **Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant**

Contact admissions for information

## **Loras College, Dubuque**

ARCH Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

<http://www.loras.edu/news/loras-colleges-lynch-learning-center-now-taking-applications-autism-program/>

Enhance Program

<http://www.loras.edu/Academics/Student-Academic-Support/Lynch-Program/Enhanced-Program.aspx>

Accommodation Services and How to Apply

<http://www.loras.edu/Academics/Student-Academic-Support/Lynch-Program/Accommodation-Services.aspx>

Documentation Guidelines for Disability Services

<http://www.loras.edu/Academics/Student-Academic-Support/Lynch-Program/Documentation-Guidelines.aspx>

Frequently Asked Questions About Loras' Disability Services

<http://www.loras.edu/Academics/Student-Academic-Support/Lynch-Program/FAQ.aspx>

Disability Services Staff and Who to Contact

<http://www.loras.edu/Academics/Student-Academic-Support/Lynch-Program/Staff-Contact-Us.aspx>

## **Luther College, Decorah**

Disability Services

<http://www.luther.edu/disability-services/>

Transitioning from High School the Luther with a Disability

<http://www.luther.edu/disability-services/transition/>

How the Luther Process Works and Requesting Accommodations

<http://www.luther.edu/disability-services/process/>

Forms

<http://www.luther.edu/disability-services/forms/>

Developing an Accommodation Plan

<http://www.luther.edu/disability-services/accommodation/>

Request for Housing or Dining Accommodations

<http://www.luther.edu/disability-services/housing-dining-accommodations/>

**Morningside College, Sioux City**

Disability Services

<http://library.morningside.edu/disability-services.html>

Accommodations Policy for Students with Disabilities

[http://www.morningside.edu/student\\_life/services/abilities.cfm](http://www.morningside.edu/student_life/services/abilities.cfm)

**Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids**

Disability Services Coordinator

<http://www.mtmercy.edu/disability-services>

**Northwestern College, Orange City**

Academic Support and Accommodations

<http://www.nwciowa.edu/academic-support>

**St. Ambrose University, Davenport**

Student Disability Services

[http://www.sau.edu/Student\\_Disability\\_Services/Services.html](http://www.sau.edu/Student_Disability_Services/Services.html)

Resources

[http://www.sau.edu/Student\\_Disability\\_Services/Services.html](http://www.sau.edu/Student_Disability_Services/Services.html)



Staff

[http://www.sau.edu/Student\\_Disability\\_Services/Staff.html](http://www.sau.edu/Student_Disability_Services/Staff.html)

**Simpson College, Indianola**

Disability Services Coordinator

<http://simpson.edu/hawley/students-with-disabilities/>

Accommodation Procedures

<http://simpson.edu/hawley/disability-resources/accommodation-procedures/>

Policies and Services

<http://simpson.edu/hawley/disability-resources/policies-and-services/>

**University of Dubuque, Dubuque**

Disability Services, Accommodations, and Disability Services Coordinator

<https://www.dbq.edu/academics/academicsupportsuccess/disabilityservices/>

**Upper Iowa University, Fayette**

Disability Services

<http://uiu.edu/resources/disabilityservices/index.html>

Disability Services Handbook

<http://uiu.edu/resources/disabilityservices/downloads/Handbook.pdf>

Disability Services Coordinator

<http://uiu.edu/resources/disabilityservices/bio.html>

Information for Parents

<http://uiu.edu/resources/disabilityservices/parents.html>

Resources for Students

<http://uiu.edu/resources/disabilityservices/students.html>

Disability Disclosure Form

<http://uiu.edu/resources/disabilityservices/downloads/Disability%20Disclosure%20Form.pdf>

**Waldorf College, Forest City**

Disability Services

<http://www.waldorf.edu/Residential/Academics/Disabilities-Services>

**Wartburg College, Waverly**

Disability Services

<https://www.wartburg.edu/pathways/disability.aspx>

**William Penn University, Oskaloosa**

Students with Disabilities

[http://www.wmpenn.edu/Academics/Students\\_with\\_Disabilities/](http://www.wmpenn.edu/Academics/Students_with_Disabilities/)