🌟 Blossoming Beyond High School: Your Empowering College & Support Roadmap

Empowering students with LD, ADHD, and ASD to find their path, build confidence, and thrive in post-secondary education.

💡 **Welcome to Your Journey:** Transitioning to college is a major milestone. Finding the right environment means looking beyond traditional rankings to discover campuses where your unique learning profile is understood, supported, and celebrated!

1. Colleges Specifically for Students with Special Needs

These institutions are built from the ground up specifically to serve neurodivergent students, featuring fully integrated academic structures, specialized pedagogy, and holistic support services.

Landmark College — Putney, VT

- **Core Focus:** Designed exclusively for students with learning disabilities, ADHD, and ASD.
- **Highlights:** Integrated executive functioning support, small class sizes, and specialized assistive technology.
- **Learn More:** landmark.edu

Beacon College — Leesburg, FL

- **Core Focus:** Accredited college granting bachelor degrees tailored specifically for neurodivergent learners.
- **Highlights:** Embedded academic mentoring, individualized career development, and strong peer community.

Learn More: beaconcollege.edu

2. Comprehensive Support Programs Within 4-Year Colleges

📝 **Application Strategy Tip:** When applying, decide if disclosing your neurodivergence in your application essay adds context to your academic journey, and request high school accommodations records early to streamline college support requests.

Traditional 4-year universities offering structured, comprehensive support programs, executive functioning coaching, and specialized access services alongside mainstream degree programs.

Featured Regional Programs:

- **Adelphi University** (Garden City, NY) — Bridges Program (ASD) & Disability Support Services
- **American University** (Washington, DC) — Academic Access Program
- **Curry College** (Milton, MA) — Program for Advancement of Learning (PAL)
- **Davis & Elkins College** (Elkins, WV) — Educational Support Program
- **Dean College** (Franklin, MA) — Arch Learning Community & Accessibility Services
- **Hofstra University** (Hempstead, NY) — Program for Students with Learning Disabilities (PALS)
- **King's College** (Wilkes-Barre, PA) — Skills Center / Disabilities Program
- **Lynn University** (Boca Raton, FL) — Institute for Achievement & Learning (ADHD)
- **Marist College** (Poughkeepsie, NY) — Learning Support Program & Accommodations Services
- **McDaniel College** (Westminster, MD) — Student Accessibility Support Services
- **Mitchell College** (New London, CT) — BWELL & Accessibility Services
- **Muskingum University** (New Concord, OH) — Disability & Accessibility Resources
- **Northeastern University** (Boston, MA) — Disability Access Services
- **Pace University** (New York, NY / Westchester, NY) — OASIS Program (ASD) & Student Accessibility Services
- **Rochester Institute of Technology** (Rochester, NY) — Spectrum Support Program (ASD)
- **University of Arizona** (Tucson, AZ) — SALT Center (Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques)
- **University of Denver** (Denver, CO) — Disability Services Program
- **West Virginia Wesleyan College** (Buckhannon, WV) — Learning Center & Disability Services

3. Options in New Jersey

A closer look at 4-year institutions right here in New Jersey that offer robust specialized support services and accommodations for resident and commuter students.

Fairleigh Dickinson University — Teaneck & Florham, NJ

- **Regional Center for Learning Disabilities (RCSLD):** fdu.edu/rcsld
- **Disability Support Services:** fdu.edu/disability-services

Ramapo College of New Jersey — Mahwah, NJ

- **ENHANCE Program (ASD Support):** ramapo.edu/enhance
- **Office of Specialized Services:** ramapo.edu/oss

Rowan University — Glassboro, NJ

- **Autism PATH Program:** rowan.edu/autism-path
- **Student Success Programs:** rowan.edu/student-success

Rutgers University — New Brunswick & Statewide, NJ

- **College Support Program (ASD / ADHD):** rcaas.rutgers.edu/CSP
- **Office of Disability Services:** ods.rutgers.edu

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) — Ewing, NJ

- **Lions Plus Program:** arc.tcnj.edu/lions-plus
- **Accessibility Resource Center:** arc.tcnj.edu

Additional NJ Campus Accessibility Offices

- **Georgian Court University** (Lakewood, NJ): Accessibility Services
- **Saint Peter's University** (Jersey City, NJ): Disability Services

Stockton University (Galloway, NJ): Disability Services

4. Inclusive Non-Degree College Programs in New Jersey

Post-secondary certificate and transition programs designed for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, emphasizing independent living, career readiness, and active campus inclusion.

Turning Point Program — Bergen Community College (Paramus, NJ)

- **Program Overview:** Specialized post-secondary experience providing vocational training, academic advancement, and personal development.
- **Learn More:** Turning Point Program Details

Transition & Career Studies — Georgian Court University (Lakewood, NJ)

- **Program Overview:** Inclusive certificate program emphasizing functional academics, career preparation, and social integration on campus.
- **Learn More:** Transition & Career Studies Details

Career & Community Studies (CCS) — The College of New Jersey (Ewing, NJ)

- **Program Overview:** 4-year college-based sequence offering rigorous liberal arts coursework, internship placements, and vibrant residential life.
- **Learn More:** CCS Program Details

🌟 **Next Steps for Students & Families:** Schedule campus visits early, connect directly with disability services coordinators, and ask about specific peer mentoring and executive function coaching options during your tours!

🌱 Next Steps for Families & Students: Helpful Transition Resources

College Preparation & Coaching

- **Elizabeth C. Hamblet (LD Advisory):** ldadvisory.com — Expert advice, transition guides, and webinars for students with LD/ADHD.
- **New Frontiers Executive Function Coaching:** nfil.net — Specialized academic, EF, and college transition coaching.

Preparing for Postsecondary Success & Legal Rights

- **U.S. Dept. of Education (OCR):** Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education — Rights and responsibilities in college.

- **SPAN Parent Advocacy Network:** spanadvocacy.org — NJ Inclusive Higher Education resources and transition support.
- **FERPA Rights & Privacy:** U.S. Department of Education FERPA Guide — Understanding student privacy and consent after turning 18.
- **College Power of Attorney Info:** mamabearlegalforms.com — Essential health and legal authorization packages for young adults.

Informative Articles & Insights

- **Interactive Autism Network (IAN Archive):** kennedykrieger.org/ian — Articles and research insights on post-secondary transition for ASD.
- **LD OnLine:** ldonline.org — Comprehensive articles and strategies on learning disabilities and ADHD.

Finding a College & Exploring Pathways

- **Think College:** thinkcollege.net — College search tool and resources for inclusive higher education programs.
- **College Internship Program (CIP):** cipworldwide.org — Comprehensive transition programs for young adults with autism and ADHD.
- **My Next Move:** mynextmove.org — Interactive career exploration tool sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.