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Higher Education Options for Students with ID/DD

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- **National Landscape**

- **Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) 2008**

- Authorized college programs for people with ID/DD
 - Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) criteria delineated in the HEOA including ID/DD target population as the primary focus
 - 264 programs (Community Colleges, State Universities and Private Colleges)
 - Accreditation Standards under development
 - National Technical Assistance Center Available to colleges

SOURCE: Think College (National Technical Assistance Center)- <https://thinkcollege.net/>; HEOA - <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html>; CTP Criteria - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/intellectual-disabilities>; *ID/DD Definition: <https://aaidd.org/intellectual-disability/definition#.WmXt16inGUn>



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- **North Carolina Landscape**
 - **Community Colleges**
 - **Universities in the UNC System** (with programs for students with ID/DD)
 - Appalachian State University (6 students)
 - The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (developing)
 - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (60 students)
 - Western Carolina University (8 students)
 - **Technical Assistance to Programs through NC Post-Secondary Education Alliance coordinated by Carolina Institute on IDD (CIDD)**

SOURCE: North Carolina Postsecondary Education Alliance - <http://www.cidd.unc.edu/psea/>;

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- **Funding Sources for College Programs** (institution specific)
 - Tuition and Fees (may include program fees)
 - Specific Federal & State Grants
 - Community, Business & Agency Foundation Grants
- **Student Payor Sources** (per individual eligibility)
 - Private Pay
 - Postsecondary Education savings accounts such as: ABLE Accounts & 529 Plans
 - Federal Student Aid (Pell Grants, Supplemental Education Grants & Work Study)
 - Medicaid & State Funding for Support Services (Innovations & IPRS)

SOURCE: CTP Criteria - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/intellectual-disabilities> ; Innovations - <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/ncinnovations>;

IPRS - <https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/State-Funded%20MHDDSAS%20Service%20Definitions%202003-2017%20effective%207-1-17.pdf>;

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