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Inclusive Post-secondary Education

Inclusive post-secondary education (IPSE) is a college program that includes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who might not otherwise get to have a college experience. Students in IPSE programs attend classes and may live in dorms with people who do not have intellectual disabilities. IPSE programs do not confer degrees, but some certifications are available. Check individual programs.

Where are the IPSE Programs in Georgia?

Albany Technical College



Berry College



Columbus State University



East Georgia State College



Georgia College and State University



Georgia Southern University



Georgia State University



Georgia Tech



Kennesaw State University





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Paying for IPSE

IPSE Grants are a five-year pilot that pays for “standard undergraduate tuition” at *public institutions only*. The grants may pay for program or student fees, depending on funds available.

Applying for an IPSE Grant

Students can apply for IPSE Grants by one of two ways:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA must be completed every year to be eligible for IPSE Grants or federal funds like the Pell Grant. Or
2. Complete the online Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPP). The GSFAPP only needs to be fill out once every ten years in the state of Georgia.

For more information about IPSE Programs in Georgia, check out the [Georgia Inclusive Post-secondary Education Consortium \(GAIPSEC\)](#).



For more information about IPSE Programs in all over the country, check out [Think College](#).



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If you would like to connect with the Transition Resource Specialist that supports your school, please consult the Locations list on the Transition Services website:
<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/38587/special-education-transition-services>

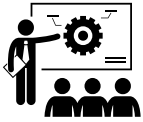


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Post-secondary Career Training

The following agencies provide services and programs for eligible individuals **with disabilities** who are interested in gaining skilled training and/or certifications to meet their career goals.



Certification Programs



Skilled Trades



Career Training



Employment Services



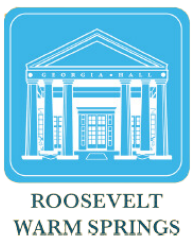
Job Connection



- **Bobby Dodd Institute**
 - Evaluation and Career Planning
 - Specialized Job Training
 - Job Connection Services
 - Customized Employment Support



- **The Academy at Tommy Nobis Center**
 - Three months of curriculum-based vocational training.
 - Three-month internship that will include one-site and community-based instruction.
 - Six months of specialized employment support to ensure success.



- **Roosevelt Warm Spring**
 - Roosevelt Warm Springs offers 7 pathways
 - Academic pathways are 16-week residential programs
 - Balance of direct instruction with hands-on experience
 - Successful completion of coursework prepares students to earn professional certificates in their chosen area of study



- **Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)**
 - The mission of GVRA is to help individuals with disabilities get and maintain employment.
 - The Transition Resource Specialist that supports your child's school can facilitate application for GVRA services. This is typically done during your child's last year of school.

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Cave Spring Center (CSC) serves Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients ages 18 years and older who are referred by their VR counselors to receive residential services to assist them to go to work. Most are young adults who need additional services to transition from high school to further post-secondary training or education and become employed. CSC staff have the skills needed to serve individuals with all types of disabilities, plus some are specially trained and skilled in the use of American Sign Language and in working with consumers who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.

Cave Spring Center 7 Georgia Avenue
Cave Spring, GA 30124
706-777-2341
<https://gvs.georgia.gov/cave-spring-center-0>

Chattahoochee Technical College is a technical college with campuses in Marietta, Austell, Dallas, Acworth, and Woodstock. Chattahoochee Technical College offers many options for obtaining an associate degree or certification. There are also programs designed for students who would like to transfer to a four-year university. Chattahoochee Tech has options for financial aid and support for students with learning disabilities.

770-528-4545
<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/> Disability Support Services Office:
<https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/disability-services/>

Eaton Academy offers supported employment opportunities for individuals who have attended their LEAP program (on-sitework experience), ready to obtain employment, and have an open case through an appropriate state agency. Eaton Academy's supported employment program assists with resume preparation, completion of applications, interview preparation and assistance, and on the job support.

1000 Old Roswell Lakes Parkway
Roswell, GA 30076
770-645-2673
www.eatonacademy.org

(FAFSA) The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

www.studentaid.gov

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The **Georgia Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium (GAIPSEC)** is housed in the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University. GAIPSEC is dedicated to ensuring that every Georgia student has access to learning after high school, including those with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The GAIPSEC website includes valuable information about a variety of topics related to inclusive post-secondary education in Georgia. These topics include information about the Inclusive Post-Secondary Programs throughout the state and funding opportunities for families interested in pursuing one of these programs.

404-413-1281
<https://gaipsec.org/>

Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) is the administrator of more than 20 state- and lottery-funded scholarships, grants, and service-cancelable loan programs. GSFC provides free financial aid consultation to K-12, postsecondary institutions, and community organizations across the state to help students and their families prepare to pay for college.

2082 East Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084
800-505-4732
www.gsfc.georgia.gov

Georgia Trade School has programs in different types of welding where students can earn certifications. Georgia Trade School does provide some scholarships and job placement assistance upon completion of the program.

4231 Southside Drive
Acworth, GA 30101
770-590-WELD (9353)
www.georgiatradeschool.com

The **Mechanical Trades Institute** –Local 72 Training Center (MTI-72) provides a structured program that trains apprentices to be Pipefitters, Plumbers, and HVACR Service Technicians. Tuition is free for all students who qualify to train at MTI and apprentices can earn money as they train. Graduation requirements include completion of a five-year apprenticeship program with over 10,000 hours of training (over 1100 hours of classroom training and at least 8,500 hours of on-the-job training).

6120 Purdue Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30336
404-696-7121
www.mti-jatt.org



Roosevelt Warm Springs (RWS) is a residential campus where students learn life skills and work towards professional certifications with the final goal being employment. Students are referred through their VR counselor. The mission of RWS is to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve personal independence and employment success.

6135 Roosevelt Hwy.
Warm Springs, GA 31830
706-655-5255
www.gvs.georgia.gov/roosevelt-warm-springs

Shepherds College is a fully accredited, post-secondary school designed specifically for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Throughout the three years at Shepherds College, students will be equipped to reach appropriate independence through the development of vocational, social, and life skills. Programs include culinary arts, horticulture, and technology.

1805 15th Avenue
Union Grove, Wisconsin
53182-1597
262-878-5620
<https://shepherdscollege.edu/>

Think College is a national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with an intellectual disability. Think College supports evidence-based and student-centered research and practice by generating and sharing knowledge, guiding institutional change, informing public policy, and engaging with students, professionals, and families.

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<https://thinkcollege.net/>

Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work, and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

512 Means St. Suite 250
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404-894-0541
<https://gatfl.gatech.edu/index.php>