Bay-Arenac CAREER & COLLEGE Access Network

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

Higher Education & Training Options for Students with Disabilities

Seeking further education and training after high school is an effective way to begin transitioning into life after high school for students with disabilities. Though individuals with disabilities may face additional obstacles, there are numerous resources designed to help them. Students should be aware that after high school, assistance is based on self-reporting of disabilities. Therefore, students should consider contacting the Disability Services office or responsible person at their respective institution, reporting their disability, and discussing possible means of assistance. Local and state higher education and training institutions are listed below.

Training Options

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

The Association on Higher Education and Disability is an organization for those who work with students with disabilities, particularly as it pertains to higher education. The site features a number of resources, links, and materials for professionals, students, and parents as they seek to make the transition to postsecondary education as seamless and successful as possible.

- Visit the following website for more information www.ahead.org/

Disability Network of Mid-Michigan

The Disability Network of Mid-Michigan is a United Way non-profit Agency based out of Midland. They work to change cultural attitudes towards those with disabilities, and to promote meaningful, independent living. They offer a range of services, including employment preparation, life skills management, and peer mentoring.

- To learn more visit www.dnmm.org/ or call 989-835-4041

Disability Services Resource Center of Bay County

The Disability Services Resource Center's mission is, "to serve individuals who are temporarily and permanently disabled by helping them retain and/or become part of their community to the fullest extent of their physical and mental capabilities."

- Visit the following website to learn more: www.dsrcbc.com/

Education and Training Connection

Education and Training Connection (ETC) provides vocational training programs in the following fields: Computer Applications, Child Development, Emergency Medical Services, Food and Nutrition, Business and Career Development, and Occupational Specialist. ETC has campuses in both Midland and Saginaw, and has an open enrollment policy.

- For more information, visit www.etc-1.com/ or call (989) 631-5202.

Federal Student Aid

Federal Student Aid, part of the U.S. Department of Education, provides financial aid to students pursuing postsecondary education. Qualifying students enrolled in an eligible certificate or degree program can receive federal aid, with special provisions in place for those with learning disabilities.
studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/intellectual-disabilities

Greater Michigan Construction Academy
The Greater Michigan Construction Academy in Midland offers a variety of courses to prepare students for a career in construction. These courses include crane certification, carpentry, heat ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing, and many others.

- For more information, visit michiganconstructionacademy.com/ or call (989) 832-8879.

HEATH Resource Center at the National Youth Transitions Center
The HEATH Resource Center is "an online clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities." The website features modules on transitioning to and succeeding in higher education for those with disabilities. The website has links to financial aid information, as well as articles, fact sheets, guides, and other resources for those with disabilities who wish to pursue postsecondary education.
www.heath.gwu.edu/

Michigan Career and Technical Institute
Michigan Career and Technical Institute provides vocational training to students with disabilities. MCTI has a variety of career programs, from Automotive Technology and Culinary Arts to Electronics and Pharmacy. For eligible students with disabilities, tuition, room, and board are free.

- For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mcti or call (877) 901-7360.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) has a vision for those who need assistance to gain independence, build self-esteem, and improve the quality of their life. MRS helps those who would like to work, but have a disability that creates barriers in learning or working at a job. To assist individuals, MRS uses a map called Individualized Plan for Employment. This is a living document that lays out the activities and commitments you will participate in, as well as the responsibilities of MRS and other community agencies.

- To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/mrs or call 989-894-6300 (877-901-9181 toll free)

National Center for Learning Disabilities
The National Center for Learning Disabilities provides a wealth of information regarding learning disabilities. This includes guides on transitioning from high school to college with learning disabilities, assistive technology, study skills, college support programs, legal rights, and much more.
www.ncld.org/

Think College
Think College is a resource for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to pursue postsecondary education, as well as for those who work with them. The site offers resources designed for students, parents, and professionals.

- Visit the following website to learn more: www.thinkcollege.net/

Schools in Michigan

College is a time of transition for students. Students with disabilities face the same challenges as every student, plus additional challenges related to certain limitations their disability may cause. Services and support are available on most campuses for students who have a documented disability which significantly affects major life functions. Students with disabilities are highly encouraged to contact Student Disability Services to register or apply for services if:

- They have a documented disability that significantly affects major life functions
- They had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in high school
- They are a client of Vocational Rehabilitation, Commission for the Blind, or other related agency
- They were registered with Disability Services at another college

Central Michigan University
Central Michigan University offers Bachelor and graduate degree programs. If a student requires assistance CMU usually has two RA's (Resident Assistant/Advisor) per floor. They also have a main reception desk that is staffed 24 hours per day. Finally, students typically have two or three roommates. The campus is rectangular in shape; therefore it is easy to navigate. The student will have the option to choose between North/South dorms based on the location of their classes. CMU will give students with disabilities extended time to take an exam.

- To contact CMU's Student Disability Services, call (989) 774-3018 or email sds@cmich.edu
- Visit www.cmich.edu/ess/studentaffairs/SDS/Pages/default.aspx to learn more.

Delta College
Delta College is a community college which features a wide range of certificate and degree programs. These programs can prepare students for a career or allow them to transition to a university. Delta is fully enclosed and consists of a square with wings for classrooms. It is fully accessible including door assist buttons and elevators. If a student is registered with the Office of Disability Resources (ODR) and it is determined that extended time for testing is a reasonable accommodation, the ODR will give letters of accommodation to the student so they can present to the faculty. The faculty will then provide the accommodation.

- To contact Delta College's Office of Disability Resources, call (989) 686- 9322, or email disabilityservices@delta.edu

Grand Valley State University
Grand Valley State University offers Bachelor and graduate degree programs.

- To contact GVSU's Disability Support Office call (616) 331-2491 or email dsrgvsu@gvsu.edu
- Visit gvsu.edu/dsr/ to learn more.

Michigan State University
Michigan State University offers Bachelor and graduate degree programs. Each student is unique and their needs will vary. Accommodations are determined during a confidential needs assessment with a Disability Specialist. Accessible housing options can be discussed with a Disability Specialist to determine which housing option will meet the student's needs. The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) provides fixed route services on and off campus, covering all of Ingham County. CATA buses are equipped with ramps or lifts, and run every 7 to 35 minutes depending on the route. CATA also provides a curb-to-curb, advanced reservation (1 day prior) transit service for persons with disabilities.

- To contact MSU's Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, call (517) 884-7273 or visit www.rcpd.msu.edu/faq to learn more.
- To see a list of scholarships available for students with disabilities at MSU, visit the following: www.rcpd.msu.edu/scholarships

Mott Community College
Mott Community College is located in Flint and is a community college which features a wide range of certificate and degree programs. These programs can prepare students for a career or allow them to transition to a university. MCC has a federally funded program called TRiO-SSS which supports and encourages students who are heading toward a four year institution. Qualifying students must be academically disadvantaged and: demonstrate a commitment/ability to transfer and obtain a Bachelor's degree, meet income guidelines, be a first generation student and/or have a **documented disability**. MCC will provide accommodation to students for extended testing periods if necessary; these accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis.

- To contact MCC's Disability Services call (810) 232-9181 or email disability@mcc.edu
- Visit www.mcc.edu/disability_services/index.shtml to learn more.

Northwood University
Northwood is a four-year private college which offers Bachelor and graduate degree programs.

- To contact NU's Disability Services call 989-837-4213 or email swafford@northwood.edu
- Visit www.northwood.edu/academics/disability-services.aspx to learn more.

Saginaw Valley State University
Saginaw Valley State University offers Bachelor and graduate degree programs, as well as graduate certificates. SVSU's classroom buildings are connected in two different clusters, so individuals can stay in-doors and avoid walking in the snow or rain between classes. Students can request with Housing which building they would like to live in and who they would like to live with. RA's are on call each night in the dorm rooms, and there is always a Resident Director available. Additional modifications to dorms can be made if necessary and the student may live with a roommate. Students with disabilities who qualify can receive extra time to take exams.

- To contact SVSU's Disability Services, call (989) 964-7000 or email disability-services@svsu.edu
- Visit www.svsu.edu/disabilityservices/ to learn more.

If a student or family member has any further questions contact the Bay-Arenac Career and College Resource Center at (989) 667.3247 or visit https://www.baisd.net/inside-baisd/district-support-services/postsecondary-education/.