

Questions and Answers for Students

1. Who can go to college?

Students who are between 18 and 22 years old, receive transition services, and have intellectual disability or other severe developmental disability are eligible to include college in their services. Students who have finished school and get support from a service coordinator can ask for assistance to go to college.

2. How can I go to college?

Talk with your IEP team or your service coordinator to see if going to college is the best transition activity for you. Ask what next steps you can take to learn more about college options.

3. Why would I go to college?

Colleges and universities are places to learn things you are interested in. You can also get experience that will help you learn more about jobs you might like. Best of all, colleges and universities are good places to meet new people. There are many campus events, parties, clubs, and other activities you might be interested in.

4. How can my team support me?

One of the first steps you and your team can take is to schedule campus visits after learning what colleges are available in your area. Once you choose one or more to visit, you may choose to apply. If approved, you might need to meet with a college program coordinator for an interview and they will let you know what the next steps are.

5. What happens in college?

College activities include learning how to get around campus, taking college classes, working at an internship, having lunch in the dining center, and hanging out with friends in the student center. You may need some support at the beginning to learn your way around, but in time, you will learn to do more things yourself.

6. Where can I get more information about going to college?

You can email the Program Director, Mary Price, at mprice@dhe.mass.edu.