



College 2 Career (C2C) is a partnership between the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) and the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). These two organizations work collaboratively to improve postsecondary education opportunities and employment outcomes for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder. C2C is a three-year program designed to maximize student success in college and in integrated and competitive employment.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Have a documented diagnosis of an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder
- Age 18+ with GED or high school diploma equivalent OR age 22+ fully exited from any high school transition program
- Have an open case with Department of Rehabilitation or be willing to get case opened
- Must be able to adhere to the SDCCD Student Code of Conduct
- Must be motivated to participate in the college experience with a focus on obtaining gainful employment

### CAREER EXPLORATION AND GUIDANCE

The C2C program firmly believes in a very individualized approach to job development services. The C2C staff utilizes career assessments, informational interviews, and trial work experiences to assist students in discovering which career path best suits their interests, work style, and skill set.

### ACADEMIC PLANNING

As part of the integrated learning experience, C2C students are required to enroll in 50% non-DSPS courses. The C2C staff works with each individual student to establish an academic plan that aligns with his/her employment goal. Staff members also assist the student in selecting and registering for courses needed to achieve this goal and work closely with campus DSPS counselors to provide assistance in accessing authorized academic accommodations.

### EDUCATIONAL COACH SUPPORT

Students receive individualized one-on-one support from an educational coach. These supports include:

- Time management
- Organization and accountability
- Communication and Social skills
- Applying creative learning strategies and study skills
- Navigation through campus
- Accessing campus and community resources
- Understanding and utilizing accommodations

### C2C Program Outline

**Year One:** Modules taught in the student's first year of the program include topics that serve as the foundation for college and career success.

**Year Two:** Modules taught in the student's second year of the program provide hands on experience for students to explore different types of employment environments or master employment skills that are required for success on the job.

**Year Three:** Various employment experiences are established throughout the course of the program, however, it is in the third year that the student enters the job development phase. During this phase, the C2C Job Development team works one-on-one with the student to provide job development and job search assistance. The C2C staff works to establish partnerships with various businesses throughout the community to create integrated competitive employment opportunities in environments that align with the student's Individualized Plan for Employment.

### WORKSITE MONITORING AND SUPPORT

Once a student becomes employed the C2C staff monitors student progress, practices job retention strategies, and remains available to support the student through his/her transition to work. The C2C program focuses on assisting the student in developing natural supports to maximize independence and minimize the need for on-going job coaching support; however, job-coaching support can be provided if needed.

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