

Students with Disabilities

1. Online Resources (i.e. Information and Job Databases):

- a. www.abilityjobs.com – the leading website for people with disabilities seeking employment. Sponsored by the ADA. Must create an account to use, but it's free.
- b. http://www.abilitiesfund.org/programs_and_services/disability_program_navigator_toolkit.php - Free online toolkit for people with disabilities interested in starting their own business. Must create an account, but again it's free
- c. www.disability.gov – news, research, and resources for people with disabilities regarding a variety of topics including employment and education
- d. <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/> - State of Wisconsin's Vocational Rehabilitation website. Office in Madison, WI. They will provide job counseling and other career-related services for people with disabilities
 - i. 201 East Washington Avenue, Suite A100
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Madison, WI 53707-7852
Phone: (608) 261-0050
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2. Federal Regulations and Protections:

- a. <http://www.ada.gov/workta.pdf> - PDF from the ADA that lists the rights of people with disabilities who are seeking employment
- b. <http://www.ada.gov/q%26aeng02.htm> – the first section of this page has Q&A related to employment for people with disabilities. Also lists contact information for the Equal Opportunity Commission should people have further questions

- c. <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/> - serving students with disabilities at the collegiate level.

3. Internships:

- a. Disability Mentoring Day – Provides disabled students with mentorship, hands on programs, and an opportunity to job shadow a professional for one day (the 3rd Wednesday in October) - <http://www.aapd.com/what-we-do/employment/disability-mentoring-day/>
- b. American Association for People with Disabilities Summer Internship Program – “AAPD places students and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, nonprofit and for-profit organizations. AAPD provides accessible housing, a living stipend, and travel to and from Washington, DC for all summer interns.”
- c. Entry Point!/ACCESS – National internship program for students with disabilities pursuing careers in the STEM fields. The program was created by the Advancing Service Society whom has partnerships with prestigious business including NASA, IBM, and Dow Chemical. Each internship is completed over the summer term and is paid. Selected interns are provided with mentors and any assistive technology they need. Requirements for eligibility are as follows:
 - i. Full-time undergraduate or graduate student who expects to be enrolled in the academic term following the internship.
 - ii. Must have a disability – apparent or non-apparent
 - iii. B (3.0) average or better grade point average
 - iv. U.S. citizenship or right-to-work in US permit
 - v. begin the application process online <http://www.entrypoint.org>

