

Reviewing Employment Outcome

AN ANALYSIS OF STUDENTS WITH I/DD IN POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS

Recently researchers examined peer-reviewed articles published between 2000 and 2020 to examine research evidence supporting the use of postsecondary education (PSE) programs as a facilitator of competitive integrated employment for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This review revealed some key findings, including:

- Most students with IDD got a job after exiting a PSE program, with a range of 50.8% to 91% reported across studies.
- Nearly all PSE programs in this review described use of both employment coursework and applied vocational experiences, like internships and job shadowing, to help students build work skills.
- The review indicates a positive impact of attending a PSE program on becoming employed for students with IDD. However, there is room for improvement in how programs report, measure, and track information related to employment in the future.

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For more on this topic and article, read the full article at idd.vcurrtc.org:

<https://idd.vcurrtc.org/resources/database/details.cfm?articleID=2105>

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