IN THE SMITH CAREER CENTER LIBRARY

A two-volume set located in the Career Information (purple) section of the SCC Library, this one-stop reference is specifically designed to help people with disabilities achieve their educational and professional goals. The books include lists of relevant publications, educational conferences, and helpful organizations providing vocational and employment assistance.

Careers and the disABLED
This magazine is published six times per year and is “the career magazine for people with disabilities.” Our most current copy is kept on the magazine rack in the SCC Library.

WEBSITES

Career Opportunities For Students With Disabilities (COSD)  http://www.cosdonline.org
Developed by the University of Tennessee, COSD works closely with employers to identify innovative methods of recruiting and hiring college graduates with disabilities. Register for their free career gateway to begin your job, internship, or co-op search. Post your digital resume and browse through relevant job postings.

Emerging Leaders  http://www.emerging-leaders.com
Emerging Leaders places undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities in fulfilling paid summer internships and provides them with leadership development opportunities. EL partners with businesses to help them find outstanding young talent and facilitates diversity and inclusion in their hiring practices. Visit their website to learn about partners, qualifications and how to apply.

Entry Point!  www.entrypoint.org
Through Entry Point, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) offers outstanding paid internship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities in the areas of science, engineering, mathematics, computer science, and some fields of business. Information on partner companies and application materials are available online.

The Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities (WRP)  https://wrp.gov
The WRP connects federal sector employers nationwide with students and recent graduates with disabilities seeking summer or permanent jobs. The WRP has provided employment opportunities for nearly 4,500 students since 1995.

American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)  http://aapd.com
AAPD is largest national nonprofit cross-disability member organization in the U.S. They annually host two Summer Internship Programs for College Students with Disabilities in Washington, D.C. with paid travel, fully-accessible housing, and stipends funded by the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation and Microsoft. Information on other internships is also available on their website.

Getting Hired  www.gettinghired.com
Make connections, build a career, and find jobs for people with disabilities.
National Business and Disability Council  www.nbdc.com
Post resumes, search for jobs and internships, and learn about upcoming career events throughout the nation.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)  www.jan.wvu.edu
“Your resource for workplace productivity enhancements and reasonable accommodation solutions,” JAN breaks down the Americans with Disabilities Act for employers, employees, job seekers, and entrepreneurs. Services include one-on-one consultation about the job search and how to request and negotiate for workplace accommodations. 1-800-526-7234

This government website provides information on benefits, civil rights, education, employment, health, housing, technology, and transportation, also broken down by state. See the Employment section for career planning, workplace accommodations, and self-employment, and entrepreneurship.

E-ibility  www.e-ibility.com
A comprehensive website providing one-stop access to information, resources, services and products of interest to people with disabilities, their families, health professionals, and service providers.

LOCAL SERVICES

Ability Links  www.abilitylinks.org
This Chicago-based organization offers assistance to people with disabilities in searching for jobs, submitting resumes, getting involved with mentoring, and taking part in virtual job fairs. (630)909-7445

Illinois Department of Human Services  http://www.dhs.state.il.us
DHS funds over 640 community-based agencies that serve individuals with developmental disabilities and administers 9 state-operated developmental centers and programs. 1-800-843-6154

Central Illinois Center for Independent Living  http://www.state.il.us/dhr/Housenet/disab/cicil/cicil.htm
Located conveniently in Peoria, CICIL offers peer counseling, information, and skills training oriented toward employment. (309)682-3500, 614 West Glen, Peoria, IL 61614

USEFUL ARTICLES

Employers and the ADA: Myths and Facts
Being informed on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its required accommodations for disabilities will prepare you to more effectively be your own advocate when applying for jobs. This is essential for anticipating potential employer concerns and successfully resolving them. http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/ada.htm

Reasons To Hire People With Disabilities
Whether you’re looking for a confidence boost or some persuasive information to share with a potential employer in your next interview, these facts are helpful. http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&FeatureID=253 http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=1556

Other helpful resources may also be found at the Cullom-Davis Library on the Bradley campus. Regarding individualized assistance for Bradley students, please contact Barbara Carraway in the Office of Student Accessibility (101 Sisson Hall) at (309)677-3658. For additional information, please visit http://www.bradley.edu/students/support/access.html.