

# Access Programs for People with Disabilities: Certificate

<b>Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement</b>	kpu.ca/aca
<b>Program Type</b>	University Preparation
<b>Credential Granted</b>	Certificate of Completion
<b>Offered At</b>	Langley Richmond Surrey
<b>Start Date(s)</b>	September
<b>Intake Type</b>	Limited intake
<b>Format</b>	Full-time
<b>Instructional Cycle</b>	Fixed-term
<b>Curriculum Effective Date</b>	01-Sep-2016
<b>How to Apply</b>	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The Access Program for People with Disabilities Department offers a ten-month employment program for adults with a permanent disability or a combination of learning difficulties that hinder scholastic success. The program prepares students for employment, volunteer work or further education. The program starts in September of each year. (The Access Program for People with Disabilities has traditionally offered a Vocational Skills Training option; this option is currently under revision).

Students pay application and tuition fees. For many APPD students, financial support is available through the provincial Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG). For more information on AUG, visit [kpu.ca/awards/student-loans](http://kpu.ca/awards/student-loans)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The APPD program is designed to maximize interpersonal skills and employment opportunities for students with disabilities. With instruction and training, students can realize their employment and personal potential. This program also prepares students for further studies.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation from a BC secondary school or the equivalent
- Permanent disability or combination of learning difficulties that hinder scholastic success
- Ability to navigate community and campus safely and independently
- Evidence of previous successful independent work experience
- Satisfactory assessment of English proficiency
- Interview with faculty

## How do I Apply?

To initiate the application process, please attend an Information/Intake Session at your preferred campus. To register for an Information/Intake Session, visit [kpu.ca/aca/appd](http://kpu.ca/aca/appd).

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

### Work Exploration Option

The Work Exploration option provides information to students about the basic expectations of competitive entry-level work. Students will participate in classes and have the opportunity to explore a variety of work experiences. Work Exploration students must take APPD 0021 and APPD 0041. Students must meet the learning outcomes for both APPD 0021 and APPD 0041 in order to graduate. The Work Exploration option is ten months long.

**APPD 0021**      **Work Exploration:** Students will explore work and continuous learning opportunities. They will increase independence in campus, community and work settings. Students will also develop essential skills through participation in a combination of employment-oriented classroom instruction and monitored work experience.

**APPD 0041**      **Strategies for Employment:** Students will reflect on and integrate their experiences in APPD 0021 (Work Exploration) in order to complete a portfolio and conduct an independent or supported job search project. They will demonstrate essential skills on a monitored work experience.

### Job Preparation Option

The Job Preparation option provides an opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of the expectations of competitive entry-level work. Students will participate in classes and have the opportunity to explore a variety of work experiences. Job Preparation students must take APPD 0031 and APPD 0041. Students must meet the learning outcomes for both APPD 0031 and APPD 0041 in order to graduate. The Job Preparation option is ten months long.

**APPD 0031**      **Job Preparation:** Students will investigate and prepare for future work and academic opportunities. They will identify options for involvement in campus, community and work settings. Students will build essential skills through a combination of employment-oriented classroom instruction and monitored work experience.

**APPD 0041**      **Strategies for Employment:** Students will reflect on and integrate their experiences in APPD 0031 (Job Preparation) in order to complete a portfolio and conduct an independent or supported job search project. They will demonstrate essential skills on a monitored work experience.

## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the Work Exploration Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Access Programs for People with Disabilities – Work Exploration**.

Upon successful completion of the Job Preparation Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion**

**in Access Programs for People with Disabilities – Job Preparation.**