

Why being a Direct Support Professional is the BEST JOB in College!!

Being a Direct Support Professional or DSP is the perfect job for someone in college.

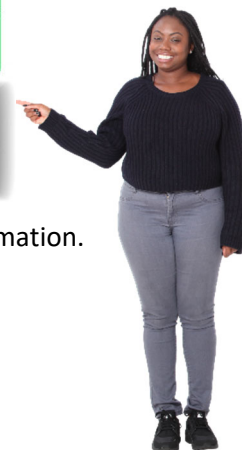
But what is a DSP? It is someone works directly with people who have a disability. DSPs aim to assist people in realizing their full potential and live more independent, integrated, and engaged life in the community.

You don't have to wait tables, work as a cashier, or even make or deliver pizzas. This could just be your college dream job – a job with flexibility, a sense of purpose and even an opportunity to advance!



This is why:

1. **You can wear (nearly) anything you want to work.** Yes. Show up in jeans or sweatpants, your hair in a bun and no make-up. With all the stress and lack of time as college students, it is one less thing to worry about.
2. **Your schedule is FLEXIBLE!** Work around your classes. You want to only work 5 or 10 hours? 20 hours or more? No problem. Mornings, afternoons, evenings? Weekends, every other weekend? You are usually done work by 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. There is still plenty of time to study or hang out with friends.
3. **You get paid to do fun things!** You can take your clients out to eat, shopping, to an event, etc. Anything they like to do you get to do with them!
4. **You get paid for training.** Free first aid/CPR classes, medication management, and other daily skills are important to learn.
5. **You get paid practical experience.** Explore a growing industry and see if social services are the right fit for you.
6. **Wonderful real-life experiences.** For those studying sociology, psychology, nursing, social work, etc. you get experience to help build your resume and could help launch your career!
7. **You are making someone's life better!** The people you work with depend on you to help them build their ideal life. You can make their life easier and happier.
8. **You get the privilege to be part of someone's milestones and personal growth.** You can make connections that will last a lifetime!
9. **Change your perspective.** You will be touched by the people you work with. Most likely it will begin to change how you view the world. You will get a sense of accomplishment and self-fulfillment that is harder to find in other jobs.



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