

Achieve Program: Referring Partner Information Sheet and Checklist

What is the Achieve program?

Achieve is a unique one-year post-secondary transition program in which participants will develop skills and confidence for successful transition from College to community, work life and community engagement. This program combines person-centered planning and applied learning experiences on campus and in the community with a focus on personal goals and action plans for employment, independent living and community engagement. Graduates of the program will receive a Certificate of Completion (non-credit).

Applicants must be able to manage their own personal care, demonstrate appropriate behaviour for a college and community environment and have the capacity to function in a group environment without one-on-one support, and manage through to the completion of the course work in the program.

Applicants must be able to manage, and be responsible, for transportation to and from the program.

The Achieve Program is offered through a collaboration between NSCC, the provincial government, school boards, local businesses and community partners.

Admission requirements

- Applicants must be a high school graduate between the ages of 18-21 years of age.
- High School Diploma including a transcript that indicates Individual Program Plan (IPP) designated credit(s) in any grade 12 course or highest math course.
- For IPPs in Social Development or Life Skills, a copy of the IPP must be included with the application.
- A completed signed Achieve referral form.
- Interview – applicants will be required to participate in an interview at the campus. There are two purposes for the interview. One is to help applicants gain an understanding of the knowledge, skills and abilities required for participation in the program. The second is to give applicants an opportunity to meet with program staff and, together, determine if the program is a good fit. Please review our detailed interview and application requirements.
- Applicants must be able to function in a post-secondary educational environment without a teacher's assistant, manage their own personal care, demonstrate appropriate behavior for a college and community environment, and function in a group environment without one-on-one support.

Exploring Achieve

If you have a student who you feel is a good candidate for the Achieve program:

- Confirm they meet the eligibility requirements above.
- Contact the Achieve Program Coordinator to let them know that the school has a student who could be a potential applicant.
- Ensure that a student advisory meeting has been booked at the Campus for the student to learn about the program.

Applying to Achieve

Student Advisory Meeting

Prior to the application process, an initial advisory meeting with the Achieve Coordinator can assist applicants and their support persons in gaining a clearer understanding about the program. Applicants in consultation with their support persons and the Achieve Program Coordinator can explore if the independent nature of the campus environment and program expectations are in alignment with their interests and goals.

If, after meeting with the Program Coordinator and visiting the campus, the candidate is interested in attending the Achieve program:

1. Have the student complete an NSCC application form. NSCC application forms can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the contact below:

NSCC Admissions
PO Box 220
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4
admissions@nsc.ca

Tel: 902-491-4911 (Metro Halifax) TTY: 902-491-5509 (Metro Halifax)
Tel: 1-866-679-6722 (toll-free) TTY: 1-866-288-7034 (toll-free)

Please note: *There is no application fee for achieve.*

2. Please scan and email these documents to the NSCC Admissions Office at admissions@nsc.ca:
 - Achieve school referral form
 - Official high school transcript that indicates Individual Program Plan (IPP) designated credit(s) in any grade 12 course or highest math course.
 - For IPPS in Social Development or Life Skills, a copy of the IPP must be included with the application.

Note: *Application forms can be sent anytime of year and are processed by Admissions in order of the date stamped.*

Intake interviews will be conducted with eligible applicants as soon as all documentation (with the exception of the final transcript) has been received and reviewed for eligibility requirements by Admissions.