



**Adaptive Teaching  
Strategies to Support Students with Disabilities**  
with Kristin Coverly, Kimberlee Melvin, and Sarah Walker

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I. Sarah and Kim's experience at Alaska Career College

II. Q&A with Sarah and Kim

III. Group discussion

## Resources

### General

- Resources for Students with Disabilities: <https://educationusa.state.gov/resources-students-disabilities>
- State and local organizations like Center for the Blind, Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; may do an assessment of the school and make recommendations, may provide additional training to school

### Financial

- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: in every state; may help fund training and assistive technology; list of state vocational rehabilitation agencies: <https://rsa.ed.gov/about/states>
- Federal financial aid for students attending accredited schools: <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Grants for Special Education for Individuals with Disabilities: <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-special-populations/grants-special-education-and-individuals-disabilities>
- Local Lion's Club: financial assistance: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>
- Specialized scholarships from organizations like the National Federation for the Blind

### Educational

- ADA National Network: <https://adata.org/national-network>
- Local universities' disabilities support office: often open to sharing ideas and resources
- National Center for College Students with Disabilities: <https://nccsd.ici.umn.edu/>
- Textbook digital resources

### Advocacy

- Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD): <https://www.ahead.org/home>

## Panel Bios

**Kristin Coverly**, LMT, is a massage therapist, educator, and the director of professional education at ABMP. She loves creating continuing education courses, events, and resources to support massage therapists and bodyworkers as they enhance their lives and practices. Before ABMP, she was an instructor and administrator at the Boulder College of Massage Therapy and Cortiva Institute–Colorado. Learn more about ABMP CE at [www.abmp.com/learn](http://www.abmp.com/learn) and connect with Kristin at [ce@abmp.com](mailto:ce@abmp.com).

**Kimberlee Melvin**, LMT, is a therapeutic massage instructor at Alaska Career College where she enjoys sharing the knowledge and tools that have helped her in her career with her massage therapy students. [Connect on LinkedIn](#).

**Sarah Walker**, LMT, is a recent massage graduate who made a significant career shift in 2025 after years in corporate training, leadership, and development. She also offers a unique perspective on education as a student with a disability, using her experiences to highlight the value of adaptive learning environments. Her journey reflects determination, insight, and a passion for helping others navigate challenges with confidence.