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Advance Your Career Through Technology

If you have a disability, you might sometimes face added challenges as you try to advance your career in Chico. This might, at times, leave you feeling frustrated and annoyed. Yet there are ways you can creatively overcome these challenges and advance your career, and many of these involve technology. Read on to learn about some of them.

Study Online

As you prepare yourself for your chosen career, you might discover that you need more training. These days, it's easy to [study online to earn the degrees](#) or certificates you need. You don't have to worry about traveling to or navigating a campus. Just be sure to choose a program that's accredited, fits your schedule, and offers competitive tuition.

Use Social Media

If you're going to advance your career, you must promote yourself. One of the best ways you can do this is to [use social media pages](#), such as LinkedIn, to connect with potential employers and colleagues.

LinkedIn allows you to showcase your resume — especially your skills, education, and accomplishments — so make sure these are clear and concise. Include a quality photograph of yourself and a short biography that focuses on your areas of expertise. Then [use LinkedIn to connect with others](#) in your field. You may even want to subscribe to the premium version, which allows you to directly message other members and see who's looking at your profile.

Spruce Up Your Resume to Find Employment

Jobs won't fall into your lap, so be ready to expend some effort in finding employment in your chosen field. For one thing, spruce up your resume so that it's up to date with all your latest degrees, experience, skills, and achievements. [Give this resume builder a try](#) and use the templates as a basis and add your own text and photos to create a professional document. Plenty of well-designed templates are available online, so find one that suits you, and build a resume that impresses potential employers.

Look for Remote Jobs

Because of your disability, you may be more comfortable working from home. This is certainly a viable option, and [many remote jobs pay well](#) and help you advance your career.

For instance, if you have an interest in the medical profession and an eye for detail, you might train to be a medical coder. You can find professional development courses right online that teach you the terminology you need to know as well as how to identify and assign the correct codes. These courses even offer an assessment so that you can verify your skills and see what you still need to practice.

Find Assistive Technologies

Finally, [don't neglect the assistive technologies](#) available to help you succeed in your career. You might need to use voice-to-text software, a screen reader, or a special keyboard and mouse to assist you in your work. You may even [be able to get a grant](#) to purchase the technology you need.

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You're a talented person, so don't let your disability get in the way of success in Chico. You can advance your career by studying online, using social media well, sprucing up your resume to find employment, looking for remote jobs, and utilizing assistive technologies. Visit [The Arc of Butte County](#) for inspiration and information.