

LGBTQIA+ Campus and Community Resources



Campus Services

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides confidential individual counseling to all interested students for referral or for crisis care.

Website: abtech.edu/counseling

Contact: Support Services at supportservices@abtech.edu

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Diversity Committee

The overall purpose of the Diversity Committee is to advocate for a college-wide environment where everyone feels invited and included. The committee will foster awareness and understanding of diversity issues through interactive learning opportunities and other communications. It will serve as the central resource for related information. The committee will also measure the impact of diversity activities and progress of the college in achieving the objectives included in the Diversity Plan.

Website: abtech.edu/diversity

Contact: Michele Hathcock at michelechathcock@abtech.edu

Safe Zone

Safe Zone seeks to create a climate of safety for all members of the College community. When you see the Safe Zone symbol, you will find an individual who is empathetic and informed about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) issues and who is willing and able to provide support and information.

Website: abtech.edu/safezone

Contact: Elisabeth Green Geyer at elisabethfgeyer@abtech.edu

Queer the Way

Queer the Way is a student society for the LGBTQIA+ campus community. The informal social and support group featuring: short movies, discussions, socializing, and guest speakers. Look for updated event information flyer hung on information boards throughout School.

Website: abtech.edu/student-organizations

Contact: Porscha Orndorf at porscharorndorf@abtech.edu

Businesses

Gay Asheville NC.com

[Gay Asheville NC.com](#) is happy to provide a comprehensive list of queer-owned and queer-welcoming businesses in Asheville.

Support Resources/Groups

Gay Asheville NC.com

[Gay Asheville NC.com](#) has a complete list of Asheville's Gay Resource Center

Groups-Organizations-Resources

PGLAG

[PFLAG \(Parents, Friends, and Families of Lesbians and Gays\)](#) is a safe environment for parents, friends and families of LGBTQIA+ individuals as well as LGBTQIA+ people themselves.

Phoenix

[Phoenix](#) has transgender resources, information, and groups.

Youth OUTright

[Youth OUTright's](#) mission is empowering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning youth to be confident and vital members of our community. Our vision is a community in which youth of all gender and sexual identities live in safe and inclusive environments.

Spiritual Groups and Churches

Gay Asheville NC.com

[Gay Asheville NC .com](#) has a list of Asheville Area Spirituality and LGBTQIA+ Welcoming Places of Worship

Beth Ha Tephila

bethhatephila.org

Jubilee Community

jubileecommunity.org

Mother Grove Goddess Temple

mothergrove.org

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville

uuasheville.org

Unity of The Blue Ridge

unityblueridgenc.org

Websites

Blue Ridge Pride

[Blue Ridge Pride's](#) goal is to provide a forum for building community and to honor the many facets of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered family.

NC Pride

[NC Pride](#) – the Pride Committee of North Carolina's mission statement reflects the fact that despite many social, political and economic gains that have been made by individuals and institutions in various LGBTQIA+ communities throughout North Carolina, much work still needs to be done. At the same time, however, we understand the need to celebrate our victories and accomplishments.

Equality NC

[Equality NC](#) is dedicated to securing equal rights and justice for LGBTQIA+ North Carolinians.

Human Rights Campaign

[Human Rights Campaign](#) is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBTQIA+ citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

Health Care, Dentists, and Counseling Services

Hormone Therapy

[Asheville Integrative Medicine](#)

Dr. James Biddle at (828) 252-5545

Gay Asheville NC.com

[Gay Asheville NC.com](http://GayAshevilleNC.com) has a list of queer-friendly professionals and their health services, health resources, and health providers. Included are Doctors/ Dentists and more.

Psychology Today

[LGBTQIA+ Therapists in Asheville](http://PsychologyToday.com) has a list of queer-identified therapists in the Asheville area.

Western NC Community Health Services

[Western NC Community Health Services \(WNCCHS\)](http://WesternNCCommunityHealthServices.org) offers medical care & free confidential testing at 10 Ridgelawn Rd., W. Asheville, NC. Call (828) 285-0622.

Western NC AIDS Project

[Western NC AIDS Project \(WNCAP\)](http://WesternNCAIDSProject.org) can be reached by phone at (828) 252-7489. WNCAP also hosts a HIV Men's Support Group first and third Tuesday, 6:00–7:00 p.m., at 554 Fairview Rd., Asheville, NC. For more information about the group, call Michael Harney at (828) 252-7489, ext. 11.

Legal Services

Gay Asheville NC.com

[Gay Asheville NC.com](http://GayAshevilleNC.com) has a list of lawyers and legal services that are welcoming to LGBTQIA+ clients and understand special legal needs.