

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Accommodations at the Postsecondary Level

Students in higher education with disabilities are protected by different laws than students in high school. Unlike high school, at the postsecondary level of education, there are no separate programs for students with disabilities. These students attend regular classes, complete the same exams, and are subject to the same course requirements. College students with disabilities must assume responsibility and advocate for their disabilities themselves.

What follow are the steps students are expected to take in order to meet that responsibility:

DISCLOSE THE DISABILITY:

Contact the Office of Accessibility and Accommodations to disclose your disability and begin the application process for services prior to starting school. The Coordinator of Accessibility will guide you through the process of applying for accommodations.

PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FOR REVIEW:

You will need to provide documentation of your disability, which will be reviewed by the Coordinator of Accessibility.

Postsecondary institutions require verification of disability. In order to be eligible for services, there must be a clear identification of disability in documentation that is reasonably recent. The Office of Accessibility & Accommodations reserves the right to set the documentation recency requirement based on the nature of the student's disorder and requested academic adjustments. The Coordinator of Accessibility will review documentation and to determine if accommodations can be made at the postsecondary level.

REQUEST ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENTS:

Your needs in a college setting are likely going to be different from your needs in high school, and they are your responsibility. At the postsecondary level, you carry the responsibility for disclosing information about your disability to the Office of Accessibility and Accommodations, as well as requesting and arranging requests for services. This will not be done for you. Be aware of your own disability in order to advocate for your accommodations.