

Planning for Accommodations at College

1. **Planning for college will take time, so start early.**
2. **Decide if you want to go** to a vocational school, career school, post-secondary transition school, community college or university.
3. **Start by contacting the school** and asking about services for students with disabilities. You can call on the phone, visit the campus, or even review their website to learn about services.
4. You may want to ask some of the following common questions students have for the Campus Office of Disabilities:
 - What are the name, phone number, and hours of operation for the Office of Disabilities?
 - How far in advance should I contact the Office of Disabilities?
 - What is the process for accessing the services of the Office of Disabilities and is there a deadline?
 - What documentation must I provide to identify myself as a student with a disability to get reasonable accommodations?
 - Who decides if I qualify for academic accommodations?
 - What types of accommodations are considered reasonable?
 - Is tutoring available and is there a cost?
 - Is there a support group on campus for students with disabilities?
 - Do professors have regular office hours?
 - Is there any other information I should know?



Typical Types of Accommodations*

Instruction:

- Adaptive aids
- Adaptive furniture (desk)
- Assistive technology
- Enlarged text
- Extra time on assignments
- Reader (talking tapes or person reading)
- Selective seating
- Sign language interpreter
- Someone to take notes
- Tape record information
- Tutor
- Typist

Testing:

- Assistive technology
- Computer-read test
- Contrasts in ink and paper
- Enlarged text
- Essay test vs. multiple choice test
- Extended time
- Misspellings not graded
- Printed copy of oral instructions
- Someone to read the test
- Scribe (one to write down answers)
- Tape-recorded lectures, tests
- Quiet environment, no distractions

**accommodations vary and you should check with your individual institution to learn what is available.*