

Planning for Accommodations at College

Transition Skills, Tips & Tools
College and Accommodations



1. Start early when planning for college because it will take time.
2. Decide what type of school you want to attend: a vocational school, career school, postsecondary transition school, community college or university.
3. Contact the school and ask 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. Common questions to consider asking 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 to access the Office of Disabilities' services and is there a deadline?
 - What documentation must I provide to show I am 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

Accommodations vary. You should check with your individual institution to learn what is available.

Instruction	Testing
Adaptive aids	Assistive technology
Adaptive furniture (desk)	Computer-read test
Assistive technology	Contrasts in ink and paper
Enlarged text	Enlarged text
Extra time on assignments	Essay test vs. multiple choice test
Reader (talking tapes or person reading)	Extended time
Selective seating	Misspellings not graded
Sign language interpreter	Printed copy of oral instructions
Someone to take notes	Someone to read the test
Tape record information	Scribe (someone to write down answers)
Tutor	Tape-recorded lectures, tests
Typist	Quiet environment, no distractions

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