



Accommodations and Supports in Postsecondary Education

If students want to receive accommodations, they will have to disclose their disability to the disability services office. Accommodations are determined on an individual basis. Each postsecondary education program may offer accommodations and services in different ways. It is important to contact the specific school to learn more about what they offer.

Common Accommodations

- Access to voice recognition software and text to speech programs
- Assistive listening devices
- Exam/test modifications which can include extended time, readers, scribes, proctors, and testing in a room with limited distractions
- Extended time on coursework
- Interpreters
- Notetakers or scribes
- Audio recordings of classes
- Priority registration
- Copy of lecture notes
- Designated classroom seating
- Special housing arrangements
- Transcripts or captions of online lectures
- Use of laptops for tests and exams
- Written materials in alternate formats such as large print or braille

Postsecondary education programs may also offer various supports to students that do not require them to be eligible for disability services.

Common Supports:

- Academic support programs provide services that help students increase academic abilities/skills and provide additional support
- Coaching programs involve an individual who meets with the student to help support



them during the semester

- Counseling involves students attending sessions with a professional counselor to help resolve personal, social, or psychological concerns
- Peer mentoring programs provide a peer who meets with a student in need of academic or personal mentoring and support throughout the semester
- Student organizations include groups, clubs, or organizations where students come together based upon common interests
- Study groups may be informal or structured and provide a time for students to meet to study or work together on assignments
- Tutoring services provide an individual who gives one-on-one support on an academic subject