

Community Colleges and Students with Disabilities

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Advantages of Community College

- Open Enrollment
- Cost
- Many Options
- Faculty focus on teaching
- Small class size
- Flexible scheduling

High School vs. College, as a disabled student

- Access vs. Success (IDEA vs. ADA)
- Definition of disabled changes... IEP/504 into 'substantially limiting'
- Must disclose disability
- "Interactive process" – interview/meeting
 - AHEAD best practice: Student narrative, professional interaction, documentation
- Accommodations based on need, not helpfulness...
- Equal opportunity to participate

Documentation requirements – what do I need?

- Documentation that substantiates need for accommodations
 - What is diagnosis? OHI vs. ADD; Emotional Disability?; Anxiety vs. Anxiety Disorder
 - How does the disability impact you?
 - What do we as an institution need to do to offset that?
 - Timeframe? Current and comprehensive
- It is not, “Is the IEP enough?” rather “Is what is IN the IEP enough?”
- “Struggles with math” vs. “Has dyscalculia; MTH calc score 78, etc...”
- Prescription pad: “Johnny has ADD and needs accommodations.”

Accessing Accommodations in College

- Contact Disability Services Office for Intake appointment
- Provide Documentation
 - IEP
 - 504 plan
 - Summary of Performance
 - Medical evaluation
 - Psychological evaluation

Common Types of Accommodations

- Extended testing time
- Testing in an alternate environment
- Reading Software
- Alternate book formats
- Note taker

Special Programs at Harper College

- FYE 101 – First Year Experience course with cohort of students with disabilities
- ACES – Academic Coaching to Empower Students
- TAP – Transition Autism Program
- CSI- Career Skills Institute Program for students with developmental disabilities

College of Lake County Special Programs

- TRiO, Tutoring, Bridge etc...
- Alternative Learning Specialist Tutor
- Coaching
- ASD Intern
- Personal Success Program (PSP)

OAKTON SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Freshman Seminar
- 1 on 1 tutoring
- Mentoring
- TRiO
- ADRC Intern

Community College Survey of Student Engagement National Results

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- Active and Collaborative Learning
- Student Effort
- Academic Challenge
- Student-Faculty Interaction
- Using Resources and Supports

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