

Questions to Ask When Deciding on a College or University

Application

- Would you recommend that I inform the school of my disability during the application process?

Accommodations

- What steps must I follow to receive accommodations?
- What kind of accommodations do you typically provide to a student with a disability similar to mine?
- Could you explain how the accommodation(s) I am potentially eligible to receive are provided?
- Is it my responsibility to meet with your department for each semester that I would like to receive accommodations?
- Who can I talk to if I don't feel my needs are being met (i.e. not receiving accommodations, instructors questions my need for services)?
- Are students with similar disabilities eligible for course substitutions such as foreign language or math classes?

Documentation

- What are your documentation guidelines and where can I find them?
- How current does my documentation need to be in order to register with your department?
- Does the university or college provide evaluation assessments?

Confidentiality

- What is your confidentiality policy?
- Can my documentation be viewed by other departments without my consent?
- Am I obligated to disclose my disability to my professors?

Accessibility

- How accessible are the buildings on campus?
- Is the university or college's website compatible with screen reading programs (assistive technology)?

Assistive Technology

- Are there any assistive technology programs available for students with disabilities? If so, what programs do you have, and how can students utilize these programs?
- Based on my disability, would you recommend any specific assistive technology programs?

Other Services

- Does the university or college offer transitional programs for incoming freshmen with disabilities?
- Are there any services outside of your department that I could utilize (i.e. tutoring, writing center, study skills, etc.)?

Miscellaneous

- What advice would you give me, as a student with a disability, to help me prepare for my first year in college?