

Postsecondary Success: Your Guide to Disability Services

Is your child headed to a postsecondary program? This checklist can help them get the support they need as a student with a disability at any institution, including colleges, trade schools, or other programs.



Checklist

- Connect with Support Agencies**
Help your child identify community resources like Vocational Rehabilitation that can provide important supplemental supports.
- Identify Possible Fits**
Help your child consider factors like programs of study, supplemental supports, class size, and living options that best suit their needs.
- Learn About Disability Services**
Help your child locate the relevant office (often called Disability/Accessibility Services or similar). Find out about their requirements to apply for accommodations.
- Enroll in the Program**
Once your child has decided where they're going, you can work together to register for the program. Most institutions will not be able to discuss accommodations with your child until they are an enrolled student.
- Gather Documentation**
Most schools will not accept high school IEP/504 plans as documentation for accommodations. Review the requirements of the office at your child's chosen program carefully to avoid delays.
- Register Early & Request Accommodations**
Apply with the disability services office in spring/summer after your child is admitted to ensure their accommodations are ready for the start of their program.
- Prepare for Accommodation Meetings**
Review your child's IEP/504 plan with them and discuss their current needs and preferred accommodations. This will help them discuss their needs with their disability support staff during the intake meeting.