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Transitioning to Ocean County College

Accommodations and Resources for Students
with Disabilities

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Eligibility

According to the Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, students may be eligible for reasonable accommodations through Disability Services.

As a full or part-time student with a disability at Ocean County College, free disability services are available through the Office of Disability Services.



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Eligibility Continued

In order to access Disability Services and request reasonable accommodations, students must either be:

- A current Ocean County College student or
- Have completed the Ocean County College Admissions Application before the start of the semester



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True or False

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FALSE



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Legal Oversight for Colleges

IDEA doesn't cover colleges, so IEPs essentially "expire" once students are out of high school.

High school students with a 504 plan are subject to a different subpart of Section 504 than colleges. That subpart doesn't require colleges to honor 504 plans from high school or create new ones.



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Terminology

Letter of Accommodation vs. Plans

Colleges provide a Letter of Accommodation to inform professors of the accommodations for which the student has been approved.

A “plan” implies the student sets goals, identifies steps to achieve them, etc. Not a service provided at the college level.



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Examples of Accommodations

- American Sign Language (ASL) – interpreter services
- Captioning or CART services
- Extended testing time
- Reduced distraction testing environment
- Alternative format text (AFT)
- Others



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Services Provided

- Intake – consideration for accommodations
- Demonstration of adaptive software
- Connection to campus and community resources
- Academic, vocational rehabilitation and disability related supports
- Faculty and staff consultations
- Awareness and outreach events
- Peer support groups
- Delta Alpha Pi (DAPI) academic honor society



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Frequently Asked Question

- Why Register for Services?
- What is the Benefit?
- Where do Student Accommodations Apply?
- When Should the Student Apply?



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Self-Advocacy Skills

- Students must self-identify to our office.
- Expected to initiate contact with professors at the beginning of the semester
- Present an approved OCC Accommodation Letter



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Process Steps....Completed by the Student

Steps to Request Accommodations

1. Complete a Request for Accommodation Services (Online) at go.ocean.edu/intake
2. Collect Documentation
3. Submit Materials
4. Attend an Information Session with Staff from Disability Services
5. Meet Your Professor(s)



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Supporting Documentation

- **Examples of supporting documentation include, but are not limited to*:**
 - Individual Education Plan (IEP, Junior or Senior year only)
 - Psychological Evaluation (within the last 3 years)
 - Educational Evaluation (within the last 3 years)
 - Summary of Performance (SOP)
 - School Social Worker Report
 - DVRS evaluation (within the last 3 years)
 - Medical, Therapist or Counselor Evaluation with Diagnosis
 - VA-related disability or medical reports

*Ocean County College Disability Services reserves the right to request up to date or additional documentation for approval of accommodations.

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Important Links

Access our webpages for more details

OCC Disability Services

- go.ocean.edu/DS

Submit request for accommodations

- go.ocean.edu/intake

Submit supporting documentation

- go.ocean.edu/submitdocs



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What Happens After the Accommodation Meeting?

Get ready to start classes!

Student responsibilities include :

- Being responsible for monitoring academic/course progress;
- Time management;
- Responsibilities and priorities (life, work)
- Counseling and support with Disability Services



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