

Student Self Advocacy

As a student with a disability, you become successful when you learn to take responsibility for yourself. These responsibilities include:

1. Telling the appropriate person at school that you have a learning disability. If you don't know who to tell, ask the admissions counselor.
2. Knowing your strengths and weaknesses and being able to verbalize them to the appropriate person. Write what you would say about your strengths. Write what you would say about your weaknesses.
3. Using the information you know about your strengths and weaknesses to ask for accommodations in specific areas. Think of an accommodation you will need and write how you would ask for it.
4. Asking for help at the beginning of a class, not after you are failing.
5. Letting the instructor know what assistance you will need in the class. Don't expect the instructor to figure it out for you.
6. Bringing information about your disability to school when you enroll. Know what information you will need to have. It is important to identify yourself early to receive help right away.
7. Planning ahead for the demands of postsecondary school. Get your financial aid, work schedule, and study time in place. Then when you start school you can concentrate on these new demands.