



Education Accommodations After High School

Education Accommodation: any change or adjustment to required tasks or the classroom that allows students with disabilities to have an equal opportunity to experience education just like other students.



Are you thinking about continuing your education after high school but worried that you will not be able to get accommodations?

The process to get education accommodations is different than in high school because your Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan no longer applies, but it is possible to get the accommodations you need

to succeed!

Before you start your next educational experience, make sure that you have a note from your doctor that identifies your disability and states the accommodations you may need. The accommodations you request need to be reasonable and they must be things you need because of your disability.

A few months before you start school or as soon as you can, meet with staff at the office that supports students with disabilities (often called Disability Support Services or DSS). Share with them the letter from your doctor and talk to them about what accommodations you think you will need. They will help you develop a plan and give you a letter stating that your request for accommodations has been approved. Once you register for classes, speak with your professors about your accommodations and show them the documentation from DSS. If you have difficulties receiving accommodations, call DSS or the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (804-225-2042).

Possible accommodations include:

- ◆ Large print textbooks
- ◆ Reader (or proctor) for tests
- ◆ Note takers
- ◆ Preferred seating
- ◆ Preferred scheduling
- ◆ Extra testing time
- ◆ Separate testing room

