

Armed With Knowledge

What to know before starting college

Know your disability

Understanding your disability helps you know where difficulties arise and how best to deal with them.

You should be able to explain your disability to others in a way that they will understand.

If you do not understand your disability, you will not know what accommodations will most help you to succeed.

Know your learning style

Knowing *how* you learn helps you learn more and learn it quicker.

Know what accommodations work for you and why.

- You should know why these accommodations work for you because people will ask you to justify providing them for you.

Take appropriate preparatory curriculum

Students with disabilities should take a high school curriculum that will prepare them for the standards at colleges.

High school guidance counselors are a good resource for planning curriculum.

For all students, good study skills and the ability to write well are critical factors of success in postsecondary education.

Contact the college's Disability Service Director

Make an appointment to:

- Discuss your disability
- Discuss your needs
- Complete the necessary paperwork

Go over accommodations

- What you've had before
- What the college will provide