Disability Services

**Providing Equal Access**



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# Disability

A condition that substantially limits a major life activity (ADA, Federal Law).

* Examples:
	+ Visual Impairment or Blind
	+ Hard of Hearing or Deaf
	+ Mental Health Conditions
	+ Intellectual Disability
	+ Learning Disability
	+ Acquired Brain Injury
	+ Physical and Mobility Impairments

# Accommodations

## Students

* Fill out the Online Student Application.
* Schedule an appt.

## Employees

* Fill out the Employee Request for Services Form.
* DS will contact to schedule an appt.

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# Communication at every stage:



* Online
* Application
* Acceptance Letter
* Syllabus & Handbook
* NSO
* Transition from didactic to clinical
* Appeals


# When to involve us?

* Student self-reports disability
* Suspect disability
* Important decisions
* Appeal process
* Identity issues

# Top 5 Barriers

* Desire to avoid negative social reaction

* Insufficient knowledge
* Perceived quality and usefulness of services
* Negative experiences with professors

Marshak, L., Van Wieren, T., Raeke Ferrell, D., Swiss, L., & Dugan, C. (2010). Exploring barriers to college student use of disability services and accommodations. Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability, 22(3), 151-165.

# Case Law Example

* North v. Widener University, 869 F. Supp. 2d 630 (E.D. Penn. 2012).


# What can we do?

* Provide guidance and consultation
* Support consistency
* Assist with communication
* Make determinations about reasonable accommodations


# Contact

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