Navigating College: Strategies, Accommodations and Modifications
Let’s Talk…. Students have lots of questions about attending college

• Explore the various programs from across the state.
• Support the student in selecting the program that best meets their skills, support needs, abilities and interests.
Preparing Students for College

Academically
- Scheduling classes
- Meeting deadlines
- Taking notes
- Scheduling homework

Socially
- Getting involved
- Making friends
- Being independent

Emotionally
- Balancing work and fun
- Knowing when to ask for help

Other ways
- Getting to class on-time
- Staying safe
- Healthy eating and sleeping habits
Strategies for Success

To attend college, you must be…

• **S**elf-determined
• **M**ature and independent
• **A**cademically prepared
• **R**esource-aware
• **T**echnologically skilled
Self-Determined

- Self-awareness about how you learn best
- Self-awareness about your disability
- Self-advocacy: able to talk to professors
- Self-advocacy: able to talk to agency personnel
- Self-advocacy: able to talk to Disability Services personnel about your accommodations
Mature and Independent

- Able to solve problems
- Able to take care of everyday needs
- Able to communicate with others
- Able to manage medicines
- Able to manage finances
Academically Prepared

- Have good study skills
- Learn independently
- Read textbooks and supplemental materials
- Use your accommodations
- Take college preparatory classes
- Have good time management
- Have good organizational skills
Resource Savvy...

- Know where to find the campus resources
  - Library
  - Tutoring Center
  - Disability Resources
  - Current professors
- Know who to ask for resources and communicate your need.
  - Use the resources!
  - Schedule needed appointments.
  - Hard work and persistence!
Technologically ready…

- Use the internet wisely.
- Have keyboarding skills.
- IPads for reading, writing notes, recording lectures
- Use cell phones for alarms, appointment notifications, assignment deadlines.
- Have experience with Assistive Technology you use
  - Digital Recording class lectures
  - Dragon Speak, Kurzweil, Read and Write, Alternative format books.

Have supports in place for help with technology!
Accommodation Examples

- Testing with extended time, or private room
- Notetaker
- Reader/scribe
- Audio Recording of lectures
- Alternative format textbooks-PDF or audio files
- Preferential Seating
- Consideration of disability related absences
Accommodations for Testing

- Testing with extended time
- Alternative format tests
- Test aides such as proctor, reader, scribe
- Use of formula cards
- Colored paper or colored overlays
- Examination equipment such as calculators, dictionary spell checkers, or use of computer to complete written work
Modifications can be used with audited courses only

- Shortened assignments
- Guided notes
- Oxford outlining
- Alternative assignments (PPT vs. Research paper)
- Divide project into mini assignments with deadlines
- Oral, Video or Photo essays or presentations
Modifications For Exams

Modifications can be used with audited courses only

• Reduced number of questions
• Reduced number of options for multiple choice
• Use of notes, book or professor’s PowerPoint
• PowerPoint, Video, Audio or Post board presentation
ANY QUESTIONS??