

SUPPORT AT COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

An Excellent Overview:

Helping Your Students with Disabilities During Their College Search by Elizabeth C. Hamblet:

http://paly.net/college/naviance/Helping_Your_Student_w_LD_in_the_College_Search.pdf

Structured program = comprehensive, support; students may be required to sign contract. Usually, there is a substantial program participation fee. Some programs have a separate admissions process. Services may include:

- Staff trained in learning disabilities
- Special orientation programs
- Curriculum modifications
- Assistance with advocacy
- Academic monitoring and counseling

Colleges with structured programs:

- American University (DC)
- University of AZ - SALT program
- University of CO at Boulder
- Curry College - PAC program (MA)
- Davis & Elkins College (WV)
- DePaul University (IL)
- Hofstra University (NY)
- Landmark College - 2-yr (VT)
- Louisburg College – 2 yr (NC)
- Lynn University - must have LD or ADD (FL)
- Menlo College (CA)
- Mercyhurst College (PA)
- Mitchell College -2 or 4yr or post-grad (CT)
- Muskingum College (OH)
- Marist College (NY)
- Marshall University (WV)
- Mt. Ida (MA)
- UNC at Chapel Hill
- Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
- So. Illinois
- SW Missouri State
- Stanford (CA)
- U WI at Oshkosh

Coordinated program = provide students with moderate levels of support; such programs often have a learning disabilities specialist who assists student in coordinating academic adjustments. Services may include:

- Learning strategies instruction
- Counseling
- Tutoring
- Assistance with advocacy

Colleges with coordinated programs:

- All UC and CSU campuses – particularly Long Beach and Northridge
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brown University (RI)
- Cornell University(NY)
- University of Denver – LEP program
- University of Puget Sound (WA)
- Regis University (CO)
- Santa Clara University (CA)
- University of Southern California

Basic program = provide the minimum amount of support necessary in order to comply with the law. Services include academic support for all students. These programs work well for students who can self advocate, for students who are independent.

Colleges with basic programs:

- Emory University (GA)
- Loyola Marymount University (CA)
- Marquette University (WI)
- Oberlin College (OH)
- University of OR
- OR State University
- University of the Pacific (CA)
- University of Redlands – Johnston Center (CA)

- St. Lawrence University (NY)
- Southern Methodist University (TX)
- Whittier College (CA)

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