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Transitioning to Ocean County College

Accommodations and Resources for Students with Disabilities

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Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Eligibility

According to the Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, students may be eligible for reasonable accommodations through Disability Services.

As a full or part-time student with a disability at Ocean County College, free disability services are available through the Office of Disability Services.



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Eligibility Continued

In order to access Disability Services and request reasonable accommodations, students must either be:

- A current Ocean County College student or
- Have completed the Ocean County College Admissions Application before the start of the semester



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services True or False



There are no disability accommodations available at college.

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Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services True or False - ANSWER

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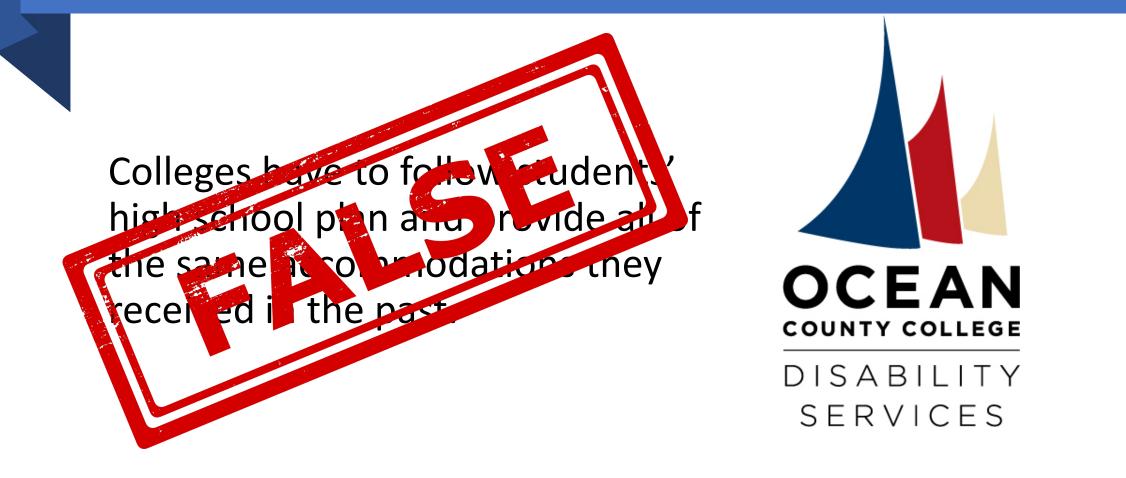
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Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services True or False – 2^{ND} Question

Colleges have to follow students' high school plan and provide all of the same accommodations they received in the past.



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services *True or False – 2ND Question ANSWER*



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Legal Oversight for Colleges



IDEA doesn't cover colleges, so IEPs essentially "expire" once students are out of high school.

High school students with a 504 plan are subject to a different subpart of Section 504 than colleges. That subpart doesn't require colleges to honor 504 plans from high school or create new ones.



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Terminology



Letter of Accommodation vs. Plans

Colleges provide a Letter of Accommodation to inform professors of the accommodations for which the student has been approved.

A "plan" implies the student sets goals, identifies steps to achieve them, etc. Not a service provided at the college level.



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Examples of Accommodations

- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services
- Captioning or CART services
- Extended testing time
- Reduced distraction testing environment
- Alternative format text (AFT)
- Others



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Services Provided

- Intake consideration for accommodations
- Demonstration of adaptive software
- Connection to campus and community resources
- Academic, vocational rehabilitation and disability related supports
- Faculty and staff consultations
- Awareness and outreach events
- Peer support groups
- Delta Alpha Pi (DAPi) academic honor society



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services

Frequently Asked Question

- Why Register for Services?
- What is the Benefit?
- Where do Student Accommodations Apply?
- When Should the Student Apply?





Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Self- Advocacy Skills

- Students must self-identify to our office.
- Expected to initiate contact with professors at the beginning of the semester
- Present an approved OCC Accommodation Letter





Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Process Steps....Completed by the Student

Steps to Request Accommodations

- 1. Complete a Request for Accommodation Services (Online) at go.ocean.edu/intake
- 2. Collect Documentation
- 3. Submit Materials
- 4. Attend an Information Session with Staff from Disability Services
- 5. Meet Your Professor(s)



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services *Supporting Documentation*



Examples of supporting documentation include, but are not limited to*:

- Individual Education Plan (IEP, Junior or Senior year only)
- Psychological Evaluation (within the last 3 years)
- Educational Evaluation (within the last 3 years)
- Summary of Performance (SOP)
- School Social Worker Report
- DVRS evaluation (within the last 3 years)
- Medical, Therapist or Counselor Evaluation with Diagnosis
- VA-related disability or medical reports

*Ocean County College Disability Services reserves the right to request up to date or additional documentation for approval of accommodations.

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Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services Important Links



Access our webpages for more details

OCC Disability Services

• go.ocean.edu/DS

Submit request for accommodations

• go.ocean.edu/intake

Submit supporting documentation

• go.ocean.edu/submitdocs



Ocean County College – Office of Disability Services *What Happens After the Accommodation Meeting?*



Get ready to start classes!

Student responsibilities include :

- Being responsible for monitoring academic/course progress;
- Time management;
- Responsibilities and priorities (life, work)
- Counseling and support with Disability Services



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