

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU MAY NEED TO ASK:

1. How will I get around campus?
 - a. What do I do to make sure I get up on time for classes?
 - b. Will I commute daily?
 - c. What type of transportation do I use?
 - d. If I drive, how early do I need to leave home? What is the commuter traffic like?
What is the parking situation at school?
 - e. Do I need to take a bus? Am I eligible to use Para transit services? What is the schedule? Where will the bus drop me off? How do I get to the bus stop?
 - f. What time do I leave home? What time do I leave school?
 - g. What do I do when weather prevents me from getting to class?
 - h. Can I maneuver the doors of the building or do I need assistance? Are there automatic doors? If not, who will assist me?
2. How will I move around campus?
 - a. What do I do if I'm in class and the weather prevents me from getting back to my dorm room?
 - b. How well does the school plow and shovel in a snowstorm?
 - c. What kind of distance do I have to travel between the dorm and classroom buildings, library, and student center?
 - d. What is the campus transportation system? What do I need to know about setting up a schedule? Are there any times when campus transportation has been known to be unreliable? If I miss a class because of this, what am I supposed to do?
3. Do I need personal assistance services?
 - a. How will I carry my books?
 - b. Do I need assistance in the classroom such as:
 - i. To set anything on a desk
 - ii. Setting up typing aides
 - iii. Getting in and out of the classroom
 - iv. Maneuvering to a position in the classroom
 - v. Hearing the instructor or taking notes
 - vi. Putting class work into a book carrier
 - vii. Are there technology solutions that will help?
 - viii. Who will provide the assistance?
 - c. Does the school offer tutoring assistance? Who provides it, staff or students? How available is it? Do I need to make an appointment? Am I expected to stop by each week, or show up only when I need to?
 - d. How can I obtain the technology that I need?

- e. Can I explain what I think I need?
 - f. What are my responsibilities?
- 4. What are my specific accommodation needs for classes?
 - a. What do I need for the classroom?
 - i. Will there be a desk or table top in every class to fit my needs? Do I need this accommodation?
 - ii. How do I make sure that the school knows my needs? Are notetaker services required? Who will provide the service?
 - iii. What options are available for my test taking?
 - iv. Does the school offer FM loops for students with hearing impairments?
 - v. Can I explain what I think I need?
 - vi. Will I be permitted to tape my classes?
 - vii. Will I be permitted to bring a laptop or portable keyboard into the classroom for notetaking?
 - b. What do I need to participate in other school / class related activities?
 - i. If the class required "hands on" activities that I am unable to perform, what is the common alternative?
 - ii. How has the school accommodated students with physical differences in a lab?
 - iii. How has the school accommodated field trips?
 - iv. Is physical education required? If so, what are the alternatives that will work for me?
 - v. Is a keyboarding class required for graduation? If so, is the school flexible with acceptable substitutes?
 - c. How do I complete assignments?
 - i. Does the school library provide assistance to pull books or reference materials for assignments?
 - ii. Does the library allow me to "check out" items not typically available for check out if I am unable to easily access the library?
 - iii. Does the school offer a computer lab? If so, how many computers? Is it accessible? When are the busy times? Is there staff or students available to help me with the software? Are the computers located in quiet areas?
 - d. Are there alternate formats for me related to school information?
 - e. Does the school offer Internet access?
 - f. Are there any resources that would teach me how to use this?
- 5. What do I need for my personal life if I live on campus?
 - a. My dorm room:
 - i. What is the size of my dorm room? (Get exact measurements)
 - ii. Do I need to share the room with a roommate?
 - iii. Is there a choice of bed frames / styles?
 - iv. Is there storage space outside the room? Is it safe and accessible?
 - v. Where are the electric outlets in a room?
 - vi. Where is the telephone jack? Can an extra jack be installed for Internet access?

- vii. How does the door to the room open and close? Can I open and close it on my own? If not, what will be necessary? Will the school make these changes? Can I work the lock on the door?
- viii. What is the storage for clothes? Can I reach the storage easily?
- ix. Is there a desk that I can fit under comfortably?

b. Meal time:

- i. If food is served cafeteria style, do I need assistance?
- ii. Do I have any food allergies or requirements? Does the infirmary need to be informed?

c. My personal hygiene needs:

- i. Where is a bathroom closest to the dorm room?
- ii. Do I need personal assistance? If so, does the school provide an assistant? If not, will the school help find a personal assistant?
- iii. Do I need special fixtures for my personal needs: grab bars? Shower chair or seat? Bathtub versus shower? Removable sprayer? Are these items in place?
- iv. Are the sinks and mirrors at the right height?
- v. Can I store personal items in the bathroom (soap, towels, etc.)? Do I need to carry them in? If so, how do I do this?

d. My laundry needs:

- i. Where are the laundry facilities?
- ii. How do I get laundry back and forth to my room?

e. How do I shop, bank and socialize?

- i. Where is the bank or bank machine located?
- ii. Where is the common entertainment located?
- iii. Where are the stores that I might shop at?
- iv. Can I get to all of these places?
- v. Are there student organizations that I should know about?

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