

Process of Receiving Accommodations at Panola College

Unlike in the secondary setting, students with disabilities must be very proactive in receiving academic accommodations in the college setting. Students must identify themselves to the Disability Support Services office and meet with a counselor. They must also supply the college with a copy of current documentation of their disability.

Once a student has provided this documentation, the counselor reviews it and an “Individual Accommodation Plan” is developed for the student and the instructor. Keep in mind that all students with disabilities do not identify themselves to DSS by choice this is their option. Students may also identify themselves to the DSS office but choose to not have us prepare IAPs as they do not wish to receive accommodations even though they may be entitled to them. This, of course, is also their choice.

Students may change their mind at any time and choose to receive accommodations for the remainder of the semester. However, the institution is under no obligation to provide accommodations retroactively. That is, we must provide them from that point forward but do not need to change anything that has occurred before the student requested the accommodations. Also, please refer students to the DSS office if they are requesting accommodations from you and they do not have an Individual Accommodation Plan from DSS. You are under no obligation to provide accommodations unless the student has gone through the proper channels and has appropriate documentation on file.