Level and Types of Support in College

Level of Support	Description :
Basic Accommodations and Services	 Provides accommodations as required under ADA and Section 504 Students must disclose and provide documentation Accommodations may include: Extended time on tests Note takers Priority registration Assistive technology Reduced course load Access to writing center provided for all students
Coordinated Services	 Provides all accommodations as required by law Students must disclose and provide documentation Specialized instruction in study skills and organizational skills may be available Might offer some content tutorial support with a upperclassman or graduate student Often have a learning center with professional with specific experience teaching stduents with LD
Intensive Support Services and Support Programs	 Students must apply to specific support program as well as to the college (coordinated admissions) Specific support sessions are built into the student's schedule May have an summer program to facilitate the transition to college Students pay tuition for classes and for participate in the program Program has specific staff specializing in LBLD



College Visit

Disability Support Services: Questions to Ask

- 1. How many professionals are providing services for students with disabilities? What is their background and experience?
- 2. How many students with disabilities do you serve?
- 3. Do you have a specific program for students with learning disabilities? Is there a unique application process for the program?
- 4. If there is a program, please describe the types of support that are built into the program.
- 5. Is there a fee for the program?
- 6. Can you please comment on the following accommodations and talk about the process for securing each? (Select those that are appropriate to you/your child)
 - a. Priority Registration
 - b. Reduced course load
 - c. Extended time on tests
 - d. Assistive Technology
 - e. Foreign language walver or substitution
 - f. Note takers
- 7. Is tutoring available? How is it scheduled? Is tutoring one-on-one or small group? Who conducts tutorials (peers, professionals, learning disabilities specialist). How often can a student see a tutor?
- 8. What is the school retention rate for students with learning disabilities?

Questions to ask students who access support Services

- 1. Can you compare the types of support you received in high school to the services you have now?
- 2. Is the disability office responsive to your needs?
- 3. How supportive and open have professors been to your requests for accommodations?
- 4. Have you faced any challenges in securing accommodations?
- 5. Have you used tutorial support? How effective has it been?
- 6. What advice would you give to new freshman starting college?