

A Parent's Guide to Successful Transition

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- 1. Develop a personal information file with disability related information.
 - a. Current IEP or 504 Plan
 - b. Most recent evaluation University of Cincinnati does not have set requirements for the age of the evaluation.
 - c. Medical documents/records when appropriate and relevant to educational progress.
- 2. The IEP and 504 Plans developed in high school are not transferred to college.
 - a. These are used as documentation for consideration when developing appropriate allowable accommodations in the college setting.
 - b. Accommodations may differ in college from those provided in high school.
 - i. Discuss this with the disabilities office at the college of choice.
 - c. Discuss what an IEP is and the disability so students have an understanding of how they learn best.
- 3. Before applying for Accessibility Resources at UC Clermont, students must be accepted and confirmed their enrollment.
 - a. Do not send an IEP or 504 Plan to admissions with transcripts from high school.
 - b. These documents should only be given to disability staff members at the college of choice.
- 4. Students must self-identify and apply for services through Accessibility Resources
 - a. Encourage independence and self-determination, have your child make this call.
 - b. Accessibility Resources will not track down students.
 - c. High School Intervention Specialists are not responsible for sending documents or making this call.
- 5. Accommodations
 - a. Accommodations cannot fundamentally alter the course or program.
 - b. Accommodations may differ in college from those provided in high school.
 - i. Discuss this with the disabilities office at the college of choice.
 - c. Students decide when, how or if they use their accommodations.
- 6. Self-advocacy
 - a. Students must become adept to assessing their strengths, weaknesses, needs, and skills.
 - b. Students are responsible for asking for their own accommodations.

- 7. Support Services of students at UC Clermont
 - a. Academic Success Center
 - b. Compass Counseling Center
 - c. Library
 - d. Advising
- 8. Accessibility Resources is always an option.
 - a. Students who enter college without accommodations are welcome to apply any time during the term.
- 9. Attend a campus tour.
 - a. Visit the Accessibility Resource office and talk with Financial Aid.

10. Finally:

- a. Prepare your child for their new role: Independent Active Participant in Their Education
- b. Prepare for your new role: Supporting Your Child