



## Access Resources

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### ***What is the procedure for applying to Access Resources?***

- ***During the Admissions Process:*** Access Resources (AR) does not accept disability documentation prior to acceptance and deposit. During the application process students do not disclose disability information, however, parents and students may schedule to meet with AR and bring documentation for us to review prior to acceptance. AR will inform students about what accommodations they can expect to receive and the documentation is returned to the student.
- ***After Acceptance and Deposit:*** When deposited students have received usernames and passwords they may access applications for disability accommodations and housing on the Access Resources Site in the myColby-Sawyer Getting Started Guide. The application forms are only available online and students may upload, bring or send their documentation. Shortly after arriving students should meet with us to develop their accommodation letter.

#### ***What does Colby-Sawyer College typically offer to students with documented disabilities?***

- ADA Accommodations for students with documented disabilities offered on an individualized basis. Please refer to: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transitionguide.html>
- Half-hour weekly meeting with learning specialist for academic coaching
- Live Scribe Echo Pens on loan
- Access to Kurzweil, and Dragon Naturally Speaking at the Academic Development Center and for testing

#### ***What kinds of services are available in high school that are not services provided at the college level?***

- Non-electronic scribes or readers
- Personal aides or attendants
- Professors are not required to modify curricular expectations (late submissions of work, modified assignments or exams, use of word banks-if not offered to entire class, etc.)

#### ***What does a student need to be successful at Colby-Sawyer College?***

- Good self-advocacy and communication skills
- The ability to analyze and synthesize information using college level material
- The willingness to attend classes regularly
- Well established independent daily living skills
- Adequate time management skills to be supported by weekly meetings with a learning specialist
- The willingness to seek tutoring support as needed

**Colby- Sawyer is often a great fit for students with learning differences because of our core values.** Students are at the center of everything we do, and we excel at providing an individualized learning experience. Opportunities for faculty contact and academic support services are plentiful and initiated by the student.

The curriculum at Colby-Sawyer College is writing intensive, requires critical reading and thinking skills and quantitative literacy abilities. Students are required to complete an internship related to their major.

**Colby-Sawyer College does not offer specialized programs for students with learning or any other disabilities.** We have Learning Specialists who provide services to students with documented disabilities. These specialists ensure that students have equal access to the curriculum (legal, ADA required accommodations), offer weekly meetings, and provide study skills services offered to all students at the college.

***Thank you for your interest in Colby-Sawyer College. We are happy to meet with students and parents at any point in their admissions process.***

