

Students with Disabilities

The Disability Accommodation Specialist provides services and identifies accommodation needs of students with disabilities. The Specialist conducts related advisement, counseling, and support for the student, and offers professional guidance for staff and faculty on the accommodations and adjustments to program design and facilities required to serve the student appropriately. The Specialist coordinates with other NTU counselors to address and case staff clientele to monitor progress and/or make necessary adjustments in accommodations. The Specialist also conducts referrals to appropriate agencies as deemed necessary.

NTU is committed to meeting the specific needs of students with disabilities and complies with the provisions of the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990* (42 U.S.C.12102) and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*. In general the term “individual with a disability” means an individual with any disability (as defined in Sec. 3 of the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990* (42 U.S.C. 12102)). Students are responsible to self- identify and discuss their disability and special needs in order to receive reasonable accommodations. To receive reasonable accommodations, the student must register with the Disability Accommodation Specialist at the beginning of the semester. Documentation verifying the type of disability will be required by a medical professional or a state licensed diagnostician and must be made available to the special needs counselor. To request accommodations, contact the Disability Accommodation Specialist at (505) 786-4138.

Any documentation provided by a medical professional or a state license diagnostician should be made available to the Disability Accommodation Specialist. The University does not provide special education versions, IEP (Individualized Education Programs) plans, specialized progress reports, etc. Records regarding accommodations do not automatically transfer from high school to university. Such records can only be released or transferred with the written permission of the adult student (in cases where the student is under the age of 18, parent or guardian permission is required). Under federal law, family members are not provided with access to student information regarding special needs, accommodations or academic progress. Disability and accommodations related information and documentation are treated the same as medical information and handled under strict rules of confidentiality. Information is shared only on a limited basis within the university and then only when there is a compelling reason for the individual seeking the information to have knowledge of a special aspect of this confidential information. The Specialist contact number is 505/786-4138.

For more information go to

<http://www.navajotech.edu/images/about/publicDocs/ntuPolicies/ntuStudentHandbook.pdf>.