SERVING (ALL) STUDENTS

Disability & Accessibility Services (DAS)

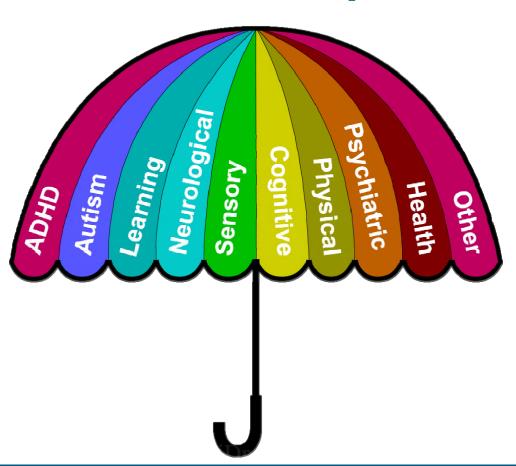
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What do these people have in common?

- Winston Churchill
- Agatha Christie
- Thomas Edison
- Albert Einstein
- Ernest Hemingway

- Louis Pasteur
- Nelson Rockefeller
- Alexander Graham Bell
- George Washington
- Theodore Roosevelt

What do we mean by disabilities?



Why serve students with disabilities?



Legal Obligation to Equal Access

An institution may not discriminate on the basis of disability.



Legal Requirements

US Law requires that Berea College (and <u>all</u> institutions that receive <u>any</u> federal funds) to provide **equal access** to qualified students with disabilities.

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Title III of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990
- ADA Amendment Act of 2008

Equal Access

Berea College must provide all students the same access to College programs, services, and facilities.

That means **courses**, **materials**, **labor positions**, and **all other activities** have to be made accessible.

Admission to Berea

Students with disabilities are required to meet the same standards and are evaluated in the same way for admission under the same criteria as all other students.



Registered for Disability Services

National Average of Similar Institutions – 11% to 12% of the students.

Berea College – 9.34% of students.

Impairment	Institutions with < 3,000 students	Berea College (% of 148)
Learning	36%	12.8%
ADHD	22%	23.00%
Psychiatric or Emotional	13%	35.80%
Health or Medical	10%	26.40%
Orthopedic or Physical	5%	6.10%
Hearing	3%	2.70%
Cognitive or Intellectual	3%	2.03%
Visual	2%	2.70%
Autism Spectrum	2%	2.70%
Other	5%	2.03%

How We Serve Students with Disabilities

- Remove barriers that limit full participation – in environments, services, instruction, or programming
- Provide
 Accommodations –
 adaptation of materials,
 methods, or environments
 to circumvent barriers



The Accommodations Process – Self-Disclosure

Students must disclose their disability to the College & provide appropriate documentation of an official diagnosis in order to receive accommodations.

The Accommodations Process – Determining Accommodations

The Director of DAS works with the student and faculty or staff to determine how to best accommodate the disability. Then a **Letter of Accommodations** is generated that students can provide to instructors or labor supervisors.

The Shared Work of Accommodations

DAS cooperates with other staff & faculty to make *learning* and *programming* accessible for all students.

Each of us **shares in the responsibility** of making our work accessible to all students.



Confidentiality

- The nature of a student's disability will <u>not</u> be disclosed for accommodation purposes.
- Information about a student is shared only for arranging accommodations.
- Be conscientious and refrain from discussing students' disabilities or accommodations with others (even in Mapworks)

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