

Transitioning to College for Deaf Students: College? Now What?

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The following transcript is taken from the PowerPoint presentation, *Transitioning to College for Deaf Students: College? Now What?*

- How do I decide my career goal?
- How do I choose the right college?
- How do I apply to college?
- How do I enroll in the college of my choice?
- What type of accommodations do I need?
- How do I get these services?

COLLEGE GOAL?

- I have decided to attend college.
 - How do I decide my career goal?
 - What will I study/major?
1. Self analysis - likes and dislikes
 - Interest inventory
 - Vocational education
 - Aptitude tests
 2. Gather information on different careers
 - Library
 - Computer programs
 - Career fairs
 - Visit work sites
 - Ask questions
 3. Discuss with different people
 - High school counselor
 - Teachers
 - Vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselor
 - Parents and family

WHICH COLLEGE?

- How do I choose the right college for me?
1. Gather information on different colleges (start 2-3 years before graduation).
 - Library
 - College catalogs
 - "College and Career Programs for Deaf Students"
 2. Does the college have my career study/major?
 3. What are the requirements for admission
 - GPA
 - SAT
 - High school transcript
 - Application
 - High school diploma/GED
 4. Does the college have a deaf program?
 - Do they already have interpreters, free tutors, notetakers, assistive devices?
 - How are the notetakers and tutors selected? Are they trained?
 - Are the interpreters state screened or nationally certified?
 - How many Deaf students?
 - When established or when first deaf student enrolled?
 - Every year deaf students? Or occasionally?
 5. If no deaf program...
 - I may need to educate the college about deaf needs/accommodations
 - I may need to seek qualified support services (i.e. interpreters, tutors, notetakers)

6. How far is the college from home?
 - Do I have a car?
 - Do I want to drive to/from school daily?
 - Do I want to live in a dorm or an apartment?

7. Visit the colleges that meet my needs.
 - Major
 - Admissions requirements
 - Support services/accommodations
 - Comfortable environment (friendly, accessible, positive experience)

1. How do I apply to college?
 - Admissions requirements
 - ? High school transcript
 - ? Admission applicant package

2. How do I pay for college?
 - When do I apply? (EARLY)
 - Financial Aid Forms (FAF)
 - College financial aid forms
 - Work study program
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Loans
 - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

3. Who do I see?
 - Admission staff
 - VR
 - Support services staff or deaf program staff

HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE COLLEGE OF MY CHOICE?

1. Meet with the college counselor to register for classes.

2. Review my finances and total college costs
 - Tuition
 - Books/supplies
 - Room/board (meals)
 - Apartment (food, utilities, rent)
 - Transportation
3. Who will pay for school costs?
 - Parents
 - Myself (SSI, savings)
 - Financial aid (grants, scholarships, work study)
 - VR

SPECIAL SERVICES?

1. What type of accommodations do I need to request?
 - Interpreter
 - Notetaker
 - Tutor
 - Assistive listening devices
 - TTY
 - Other
 2. How do I receive these services?
 - Ask college counselor
 - Ask student support services/deaf services staff
- IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASK FOR THESE ACCOMMODATIONS.

SUMMARY

1. Plan in advance
2. Research, investigate, gather information
3. Visit
4. Fill out forms
5. My responsibility to ASK for assistance
 - Questions
 - Service/ accommodations