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## **TCU DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities is responsible for coordinating academic services for students at Texas Christian University who have disabilities and learning differences. To ensure that the University complies with Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Coordinator provides reasonable accommodations for students with verified disabilities. The Coordinator serves as a liaison for students, faculty, and academic staff; establishes, maintains, and monitors referral and identification procedures; regularly communicates with students and faculty; and facilitates academic accommodations.

The Coordinator maintains confidential files documenting students' disabilities; these files are housed in the Coordinator's office. The files are in no way a part of students' TCU academic records. When the information is relevant to specific academic situations and with proper permission/release, the Coordinator will share information with University faculty and academic staff.

The Coordinator confers with students to assist them in understanding their strengths and weaknesses and helps students learn strategies to compensate for academic weaknesses. The Coordinator analyzes students' disability documentation, reviews relevant federal laws and regulations, and interviews students each semester to determine reasonable academic accommodations. Students are responsible for delivering accommodation information to the appropriate faculty members and for conferring with them regarding the implementation of accommodations. This process allows faculty members to gain awareness of each student's disability. Each semester after conferring with their faculty, students return verification forms signed by the faculty member(s) to the Coordinator. This procedure provides students the opportunity to discuss important information with the Coordinator and with their professors each semester.

The Coordinator is available to consult with students and faculty. The Coordinator will suggest resources and alternative methods to ensure that students with disabilities are afforded an education that reflects the highest academic standards. The Coordinator takes into account students' learning differences and/or the differing methods in which students demonstrate their knowledge and abilities. Accommodations are not intended to alter degree or University requirements, but to ensure that all students are able to maximize their learning.

## **RESOURCES**

The Coordinator provides resource materials and sources for assistance to any person seeking information about disability-related issues. Regularly updated resource lists include topics such as physical, psychological, mental, and learning disabilities; inclusion; accessibility; technology; legislation/legal issues; attitudes; service providers; assessment; and learning strategies. The Coordinator assists students with disabilities in contacting appropriate federal/state/local service agencies and provides lists of relevant organizations to students, faculty, and staff who wish to obtain additional information.