If a student discloses that they have a temporary or permanent disabiliy condition we recommend that faculty refer the student to request accommodation assistance from the disAbility Resources for Students office at Western.

About DRS

disAbility Resources for Students (DRS) assists students with disabilities and their faculty to create an accessible environment that promotes equal opportunity to academic programs. Currently, we partner with over 800 WWU students with disabilities.

Website including Policy & Procedures http://www.wwu.edu/drs

DRS provides services through:
- Consultation with students and faculty on disability management
- Evaluation of student needs
- Verification of disabilities
- Coordination of assistance and accommodations
- Liaison relationship for students and faculty
- Education on disability support services, policies, procedures, and legal issues.

DRS accommodations:
- Alternative formats can be provided for syllabi, textbooks, handouts, and exams:
  - Large type
  - E-Text
  - Paper color
  - Braille
  - Audio Tapes
- Equipment can be reserved for:
  - Scanning text
  - Audio playing of taped text
- Individual assistants can be hired through DRS for:
  - Notetaking
  - Orientation
  - Mobility assistance.
- Professional Services are coordinated through DRS for:
  - Sign Language Interpreting
  - TypeWell Transcription
  - Real-time Captioning
  - Exam Proctoring

DRS coordinates with
- The student for his/her needs assessment
- The student on documentation of his/her disability
- The faculty and site staff notifying them of classroom based accommodations
- The student and the faculty to arrange for accommodations
- The site staff in the distribution of DRS materials and equipment to students, assistants, and faculty
- The student, assistants, and faculty on instructions for equipment operation
- The student and faculty on liaison issues.

Students requesting accommodation must initiate contact with DRS prior to service delivery by:

Phone      (360) 650-3083
Fax         (360) 650-3715
Video Phone (360) 255-7175
E-mail      drs@wwu.edu
Mail        disAbility Resources for Students, 516 High Street, Old Main 120,
            Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9019
On-site     Appointments need to be scheduled in advance.

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