



Transition to post-secondary -

Students who are deaf and hard
of hearing navigating success

Post-Secondary Communication
Access Services, Ministry of
Advanced Education



Post-Secondary Transition



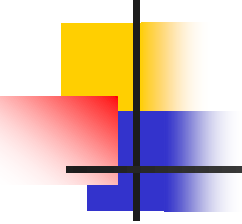


Career & Educational Planning

Counselling &
Academic Advising

Information sessions

- ✓ Type of school
- ✓ Program mix
- ✓ Location
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Support services
- ✓ Fulltime vs. part time



You have to be the one to say, 'I need this'. If you don't self-advocate . . . You just don't get what you need. Rachel

SELF-ADVOCACY



Self-Advocacy

- ✓ Understand rights & responsibilities
- ✓ Ask questions & ask early!
- ✓ Educate those around you



Post-Secondary Environment

Differences between secondary school

- ✓ Structure, size of classes
- ✓ Course work
- ✓ Course load
- ✓ Evaluation
- ✓ Expectations



Post-Secondary Environment

Students 5 Top Challenges:

- ✓ Self-responsibility
- ✓ Disclosing their hearing loss
- ✓ Workload
- ✓ Organizational skills
- ✓ Making new friends



What services are available?

- ✓ Financial aid & awards
- ✓ Agency referrals
- ✓ Priority registration
- ✓ Interpreting
- ✓ Note-taking



What services are available?

- ✓ Transcribing
- ✓ Captioning
- ✓ Assistive listening technology
- ✓ Hearing accessible environments
- ✓ Faculty liaison
- ✓ Academic supports



Individual accommodations

The law in BC requires:

- ✓ Assessment on an individual basis
- ✓ Provision of medical documentation
- ✓ Determination of *Essential Requirements*
- ✓ *Reasonable Accommodation* to the point of *Undue Hardship*



Why Documentation?

- ✓ Degree & type of hearing loss
- ✓ Impact in an educational environment
- ✓ Matching services – hearing, course content & delivery
- ✓ Reasonable accommodation



Transition Checklist

- ✓ *Meet* secondary school counsellor
- ✓ *Attend* program information sessions
- ✓ *Obtain* updated documentation
- ✓ *Contact* the Disability Resource Centre



Transition Checklist

- ✓ *Apply* for course or program
- ✓ *Apply* for financial aid and awards
- ✓ *Confirm* acceptance and services
- ✓ *Meet* with instructors



Navigating Post-Secondary

- ✓ PCAS
- ✓ Disability Resource Centres
- ✓ Education Options – BC
- ✓ VCC – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program

Financial Aid & Awards



- ✓ Ministry of Advanced Education



Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Assessed financial need of at least \$1
- ✓ Provide Verification of Permanent Disability



Grants & Bursaries

- ✓ Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities
- ✓ BC Supplemental Bursary
- ✓ BC Access Grant



Services & Equipment

- ✓ Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities
- ✓ Assistance Program for Students with Permanent Disabilities



Grants & Bursaries

- ✓ Access Grant for Deaf Students
- ✓ Learning Disability Assessment Bursary



Financial Aid & Awards

- ✓ CHHA Scholarships
- ✓ Jericho Legacy Trust Scholarships