504/ADA Mandates

Section 504 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibit discrimination against students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified, and that when appropriate, such students must be provided reasonable accommodations. At the postsecondary educational level, a student with a disability is considered otherwise qualified if he/she meets the academic and technical standards requisite for admission or participation in the institution's educational program or activity.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act states: “No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States….shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance.”

Title II of the ADA states: “A public entity shall make reasonable modification in policies or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless the public entity can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity.”

Our efforts are to ensure that we are in compliance with the law and at the same time providing a level playing field in which our student can compete, succeed, and thrive. We are always available to assist instructors of students with disabilities in making sure that their efforts are also consistent with the law.