



Working with Student Veterans

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Know your college resources:

- Veterans Services Office
- Counseling
- Support Services
 - Learning Commons
 - Math Center
 - Disability Services
 - Interpreter Services
 - Career Services



BE AWARE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

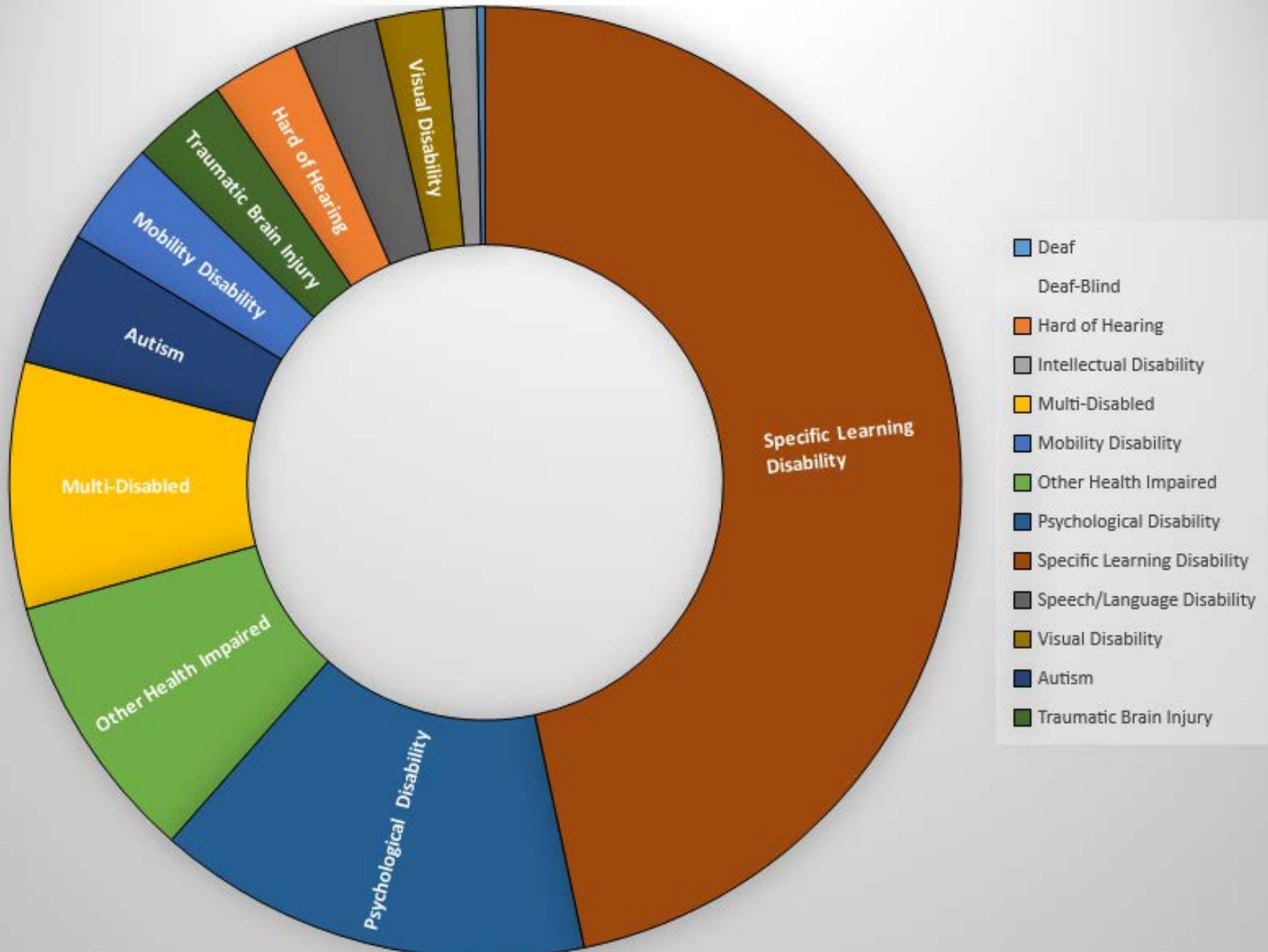


Providing Accommodations

- Accommodations are academic adjustments designed to minimize the impact of a person's disability on their performance.



Students with Disabilities at Western



Standard Accommodations

- Interpreting
- Testing accommodations (distraction-reduced, reader)
- Priority registration
- Captioning
- C-Print
- Smart Pens /Note taking
- Adaptive equipment (chairs, keyboards, software)
- Audio textbooks
- Assistive listening devices (ALDs) – FM Systems



Other Accommodations

- Preferential seating
- Ability to review syllabus and materials in advance
- Flexibility in class attendance due to medical appointments and other VA related appointments



Caption all of your videos

- Hearing loss is one of the most prevalent injuries among returning veterans.
 - Closed Captioning is a required accommodation for students who are Deaf or hard of hearing at Western. It is also helpful for a number of other students, including students whose first language is not English and students who are visual learners.



Higher Education's Obligations Under Section 504 and Title II of the ADA

- Federal statutes require postsecondary institutions to be accessible to all people with disabilities who otherwise meet admission requirements.
- Faculty will receive a letter from Disability or Interpreter services informing them of the accommodations requested.



Intake Process at Western

- Student makes a request to Disability Services and provides documentation of disability to support the request
- Guidelines for Professional Reports
<http://www.westerntc.edu/services/pdf/DocumentationGuidelines.pdf>
- An accommodation plan is written
- Instructors are informed of the accommodations- collaboration can take place to coordinate services
- Services/case management is provided to students

Thank you for attending and for
your ongoing commitment to
serving the needs of our student
veterans!

