

INVESTING IN YOUR SUCCESS



NHTI

**Concord's
Community College**

A Booklet for Entering Students With Disabilities and Their Families

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Investing in Your Success: Introduction

Welcome! The purpose of this booklet is to provide advising information about requirements for entering the New Hampshire Technical Institute. Beginning college is an exciting transition. Our goal is to help assure that this transition process is made smoothly and that the time spent at NHTI is an enjoyable and successful experience for students with disabilities.

This booklet is written based on our experiences with students with disabilities and their parents/ guardians and families over a number of years. It illustrates what the student can do to prepare for college programs and what the student can expect once beginning a course of study at NHTI.

The following sections are included: an outline to help students adapt to the more active role required for college success; a chart which emphasizes important differences between high school and college supports for students with disabilities; an explanation of how students may access support services; and frequently asked questions and answers, including information about relevant laws and resources such as vocational rehabilitation.

Also attached is a document from the U. S. Department of Education and Office for Civil Rights titled Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities. This document offers a clear explanation of rights and responsibilities which are vital to the success of students with disabilities who pursue college programs. These guidelines apply to colleges and universities across the nation.

Planning Ahead for Rights and Responsibilities as a College Student

If a student believes that s/he will need academic accommodations as a student at NHTI, it is **the student's responsibility** to begin planning the transition to college as soon as possible. If a student wishes to request Disabilities Services at NHTI, s/he will need to provide documentation in order for eligibility to be determined. Students are asked to submit a copy of the most recent diagnostic/educational testing or other documentation such as medical records. Copies of other documents may also be helpful, such as the most recent IEP, 504 Plan, Transition Plan and/or Summary Performance Document. Refer to **Guidelines for Accessing Disabilities Services at NHTI**.

Once a student is enrolled at NHTI, s/he will be using the Policies and Procedures Manual for Services Available for Students with Disabilities for Faculty, Staff, and Students at the New Hampshire Technical Institute. This document is available on the NHTI website as well as in print form, with alternative formats available upon request.

