

### Tonight's webinar speaker: Jessica Machado, MA, CAGS, ADAC, NCSP

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### **OUR MISSION**

- We seek to eliminate barriers, advocate for inclusion, and ensure access for every member of our community.
- We recognize that a community rich in diversity acknowledges that great minds think differently.

### HOW WE ACHIEVE OUR MISSION

- Provide access to reasonable accommodations and assistive technology
- Partner with faculty, staff, and administration (i.e., CELT) to develop accessible policies and programs
- Help students develop self-advocacy skills via engagement in our processes

### WHO WE SERVE

- Students with a known history of accommodations
- Students with a known history of academic struggles, whether previously diagnosed/accommodated
- Students with newly identified support needs



	K-12	Post Secondary
Laws	<ul> <li>IDEA</li> <li>Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (FAPE)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ADA(AA) (Title II)</li> <li>Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (No FAPE)</li> </ul>
Legal Protections	<ul> <li>"Entitlement" law</li> <li>Free and appropriate primary and secondary education is a right</li> <li>School responsible for identification of need and service provision</li> <li>Includes course modifications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Non-discrimination" statutes based on civil rights</li> <li>Post secondary education is a choice, not a right</li> <li>Student must self-identify and request services</li> <li>Special programs and course modifications are not required to be created</li> </ul>
Qualifications	<ul> <li>Has a disability</li> <li>Appropriate age (FAPE eligible)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Has a disability</li> <li>Meets the academic and technical standards requisite for admission or participation in the educational program or activity ("Otherwise qualified")</li> </ul>
Advocacy	<ul> <li>Parents actively involved and expected to participate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parent involvement is not actively sought and may be discouraged at times</li> </ul>
Orientation	• Success	• Access

### REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1. Complete a brief online application (accessibility.tulane.edu).
- 2. Submit documentation (reference our website for more specific guidance).
- 3. Schedule a meeting with a staff member at the Goldman Center.
- 4. Meet with a member of the Goldman Center staff to further discuss your request and possible options for accommodation.
- 5.Check Tulane email account for a determination summary outlining approved accommodations and/or alternative forms of support and next steps.

# IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE DETERMINATION PROCESS

All requests are completed on and individualized basis using the <u>interactive process</u> which may affect:

- Documentation requirements
- Timeline of process
- Outcome



### THE INTERACTIVE PROCESS

Determinations are based on the consideration of input from:

- Student
- Licensed/credentialed evaluators\*
- Campus partners
- Faculty members and/or administration
- Consultation and research
- Consideration of all campus resources, as needed

\*Recommendations for specific accommodations made by evaluators will be considered but are not prescriptive.

### OTHER RESOURCES

- Learning Specialist
- Goldman Ambassadors (Informal Peer Mentorship)
- Office for Academic Success
- Academic Learning & Tutoring Center
- Success Coaching
- NTC Academic Advising
- Campus Health (Health Center, Counseling Center, The Well, etc.)
- Case Management & Victim Support Services

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