

Office for Students with Disabilities & Deaf Services
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Policy on Personal Care Attendants and Personal Equipment

Individualized personal equipment such as wheelchairs, computers, and hearing aids, as well as attendance to independent living and personal care, such as assistance with medication, eating, dressing, and toileting, are not provided by the College or its staff (see ADA regulations and Auxiliary Aids).

Students with disabilities are responsible for providing their own personal care attendant (PCA) and personal equipment. The College will assist by providing information about funding, training and management of personal care attendants, and about resources for personal equipment through referrals to appropriate community and independent living center services.

Students who use personal care attendant(s) (PCA) should contact OSDDS to be certain this is included in their accommodation agreement.

All college events that a student attends are open to the student's PCA at no additional cost.

For more information regarding community service agencies that may assist in creating an effective personal care assistance system for you, please contact the Office for Students with Disabilities and Deaf Services at 413.552.2417 or stop by the office in Donahue 147.