Transition to post-secondary -

Students who are deaf and hard of hearing navigating success

Post-Secondary Communication
Access Services, Ministry of Advanced Education
Post-Secondary Transition

Career Planning
Educational Planning
Self-Advocacy
**Student Success**
Post-Secondary Environment
Financial Aid & Awards
Accommodation Framework
Support Services
Career & Educational Planning

Counselling & Academic Advising

Information sessions

- Type of school
- Program mix
- Location
- Community
- Support services
- Fulltime vs. part time
You have to be the one to say, ‘I need this’. If you don’t self-advocate . . . You just don’t get what you need. Rachel

SELF-ADVOCACY
Self-Advocacy

- Understand rights & responsibilities
- Ask questions & ask early!
- Educate those around you
Post-Secondary Environment

Differences between secondary school

- Structure, size of classes
- Course work
- Course load
- Evaluation
- Expectations
Post-Secondary Environment

Students 5 Top Challenges:

- Self-responsibility
- Disclosing their hearing loss
- Workload
- Organizational skills
- Making new friends
What services are available?

- Financial aid & awards
- Agency referrals
- Priority registration
- Interpreting
- Note-taking
What services are available?

- Transcribing
- Captioning
- Assistive listening technology
- Hearing accessible environments
- Faculty liaison
- Academic supports
Individual accommodations

The law in BC requires:

- Assessment on an individual basis
- Provision of medical documentation
- Determination of *Essential Requirements*
- *Reasonable Accommodation* to the point of *Undue Hardship*
Why Documentation?

- Degree & type of hearing loss
- Impact in an educational environment
- Matching services – hearing, course content & delivery
- Reasonable accommodation
Transition Checklist

✓ Meet secondary school counsellor

✓ Attend program information sessions

✓ Obtain updated documentation

✓ Contact the Disability Resource Centre
Transition Checklist

- *Apply* for course or program
- *Apply* for financial aid and awards
- *Confirm* acceptance and services
- *Meet* with instructors
Navigating Post-Secondary

- PCAS
- Disability Resource Centres
- Education Options – BC
- VCC – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program
Financial Aid & Awards

✓ Ministry of Advanced Education
Eligibility Criteria

✓ Assessed financial need of at least $1

✓ Provide Verification of Permanent Disability
Grants & Bursaries

- Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

- BC Supplemental Bursary

- BC Access Grant
Services & Equipment

- Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

- Assistance Program for Students with Permanent Disabilities
Grants & Bursaries

✓ Access Grant for Deaf Students

✓ Learning Disability Assessment Bursary
Financial Aid & Awards

- CHHA Scholarships
- Jericho Legacy Trust Scholarships