Disability Academy Module 8

Assistive Technology Resources

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The next slides will focus on purchasing equipment and loan processes

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Purchasing equipment process based on Wilkes Community College

WCC maintains an inventory of the most needed or used equipment such as voice recorders, Livescribe pens, along with batteries

The inventory is based off average student usage

Budgets are reviewed each year and damaged or written-off equipment is replaced in relation to student need

If an item is requested that WCC does not have in inventory, then we refer the student to outside agencies and research the possibility purchasing the item

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Sometimes a school may need to refer students to outside agencies

North Carolina Assistive Technology Program, the NCATP is one agency that can provide assistive technology

There website which is provided also has other alternative financing programs for students to choose from

The NCATP does endorse one program Self-Help Credit Union

Some qualifying requirements for the low interest loan from Self-Help Credit Union include:

Persons with any disability or their family members are eligible to apply for financing.

State of North Carolina and Medicaid assistive technology restrictions do not apply.

Rates and terms may vary depending on each individual's credit history and the credit union's underwriting factors.

Applicants must visit a branch once the financing is approved.

The website is provided to find local branches and learn more about the program

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Assistive technology loan process at Wilkes Community College

* + Once accommodations and assistive technology needs have been determined, student makes an appointment to receive equipment and training.
	+ Equipment is signed out, and before end of semester, a reminder letter is sent to return the equipment
	+ The letter reminds students that holds will be placed on account if equipment is not returned.
	+ The above info is entered into an equipment tracking database.

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Example of Wilkes Community College Equipment sign-out sheet is attached

It does inform students that they must return the equipment at the end of each semester, or a hold will be placed on their account.

They must return the equipment or pay replacement cost

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Here is another example from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College of an equipment sign out sheet

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Wilkes Community College alternative textbook order process

Once accommodations determine the student qualifies for textbooks in alternative format, the ISBN and name of book is obtained from the college bookstore or instructor.

Proof of purchase from student must be provided

Contacts are made for the alternative book from sources such as accesstext.org

The student’s books are put into OneDrive and shared with the student

If the student requests, WCC will put the books on a flash drive

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Several websites are listed for communication resources for augmentative and alternative communication devices

Links for Snap plus core first, Tobii, Go-talk, and others such as Proloquo2go, Eyespeak, and Zuvo

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Reading resource links provided include

Access Text Network for alternative textbooks and is a free service

Bookshare is good for accessible books and is also a free service

Texthelp link is the company for Read and Write that is good for reading and writing skills

Kurzweil is another program good for reading and writing skills

Read and Write and Kurzweil require a license to use

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Here is a list with links to different screen readers

Free readers include NVDA, Google ChromeVox, Apple VoiceOver, and Orca

JAWS requires a purchase

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Some writing resources with links are provided

Again Read and Write and Kurzweil are a resource here

Dragon Naturally Speaking and iWordQ

Natural Reader is a free speak to text software

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Math resources and their links include EquatIO by Texthelp, creators of Read and Write

MathType is a cheaper resource

Graspable Math is a free resource

Khan Academy have some videos that may be helpful as well

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General resources and their website links include

North Carolina Community Colleges System Office

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Adult Mental Health Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Some additional resource websites are

North Carolina Assistive Technology Program

And the VLC, Virtual Learning Community North Carolina Community College System

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This concludes Module 8 Assistive Technology Resources