

LEARNING DISABILITIES PROGRAMMING
CURRENT AND FUTURE TRENDS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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Table 1)

McBurney Student Service Requests
by Type of Disability*

<u>Type of Disability</u>	<u>Fall 1986</u>	<u>Spring 1987</u>	<u>Fall 1987</u>	<u>Spring 1988</u>	<u>Fall 1988</u>	<u>Spring 1989</u>
Learning Disability	596	691	490	319	668	768
Visual Impairment	149	195	164	203	163	138
Hearing Impairment	47	77	37	29	24	62
Paraplegia	17	23	7	14	9	6
Quadriplegia	8	29	8	11	22	17
Epilepsy	5	6	1	4	2	27
Cancer	4	1	0	7	5	0
Cardiac/ Circulatory Disease	16	18	5	4	3	1
Multiple Sclerosis	29	16	5	11	6	12
Amputation	8	8	3	4	1	3
Mental Illness	50	28	21	54	45	43
Chronic Pain	2	5	8	6	5	8
Kidney Disease	4	17	4	3	5	3
Cerebral Palsy	5	21	7	8	5	14
Arthritis/Rheumatism	16	23	20	29	12	17
Chemical Dependency	1	2	0	2	4	2
Diabetes	10	0	8	8	6	7
Head Injury	28	39	18	30	35	45
Asthma/Respiratory Disease	7	5	8	7	17	3
Temporary Disability	251	224	239	140	256	204
Other Permanent Disability	243	146	175	206	177	338

*NOTE: Service requests do not include actual proxy registration of disabled students each semester. Also, figures exclude peak student contact periods of each semester -- proxy registration week and weeks immediately preceding and following it. Limited personnel prohibits record-keeping during those periods.

Figure 2

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AS COMPARED TO COMPREHENSIVE LD SERVICES PROGRAM MODEL (Sandperl, 1989, AHSSPE LD SIG)

	Full (Service)	Limited (Service)	No (Service)
LD program coordinator	X		
Formal policies:			
admissions		X	
academic adjustments		X	
foreign language substitution/waiver		X	
reduced course load			X
prorated tuition			X
tape recorded lectures		X	
accommodations	X		
services	X		
Psycho-educational evaluations	X		
Support services:			
notetakers		X *	
readers	X *		
text recorders	X *		
transcribers		X	
typists			X
proofreaders			X
test proctors	X *		
Counseling:			
personal		X	
career			X
academic		X	
advocacy	X		
peer group	X		
Equipment loan/use:			
4-track tape recorders		X	
computers w/spell checkers		X	
voice synthesis		X	
color monitors			X
large display screens			X
photocopiers to enlarge/darken print			X
optical character scanner		X	
Tutors/Trainers			
content tutors			X
learning skills specialists		X	
specialized equipment trainers			X
library/information access			X

	Full (Service)	Limited (Service)	No (Service)
<u>Test accommodations:</u>			
extended time	X *		
quiet room	X *		
oral or taped exams	X *		
use of calculator and/or word processor with spell check		X *	
oral exam with faculty/staff		X	
Priority registration	X		
Priority housing assignment			X
Specialized workshops/in-services for faculty/staff		X	
<u>Information dissemination:</u>			
publications		X	
lectures		X	
Self-identified disability faculty/staff mentor program			X

This model was expanded to include Counseling, specialized equipment trainers, and library/information access.

* these services are provided by McBurney professional and student staff other than the Learning Specialist.