

Special Series for CUNY Faculty:

# Disability & Accessibility

**Fridays from 2-3 PM on Zoom**

ASL and CART will be provided for all sessions.

**October 27**

Disability Rights in Education

**November 17**

New York State IT Accessibility Policy and Your Class

**December 8**

Best Practices for Teaching Students with Disabilities



**Office of Student Inclusion  
Initiatives and Disability Programs**



This year is the 50th anniversary of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, notably, Section 504, the first federal civil rights law to bar discrimination against people with disabilities for programs receiving federal funding. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 strengthened anti-discrimination protections. Since 1999, New York State law has also required that all Information Communication Technology (ICT) at publicly funded universities be accessible to people with disabilities. Despite best efforts, at times CUNY has fallen short in its actions to ensure equitable access to students with disabilities. In Spring 2023, CUNY entered into a Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA) with the U.S. Department of Justice after a complaint from a disabled student who fell behind after not receiving appropriate accommodations, including accessible course materials.

As part of its commitment to the VCA, the CUNY Office of Student Inclusion Initiatives and Disability Programs is sponsoring a 3-part series of virtual events this fall, open to all faculty and staff. Presentations will last approximately 30 minutes and will be recorded. The remaining time will be reserved for questions and discussion and will not be recorded. This is part of an ongoing effort to train incoming faculty and inform current faculty about the law as well as the benefits of accessibility and disability inclusion. ASL and CART will be provided for all sessions.

If you are unable to attend, sign up to receive session recordings and resources here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/NWRiCgdmmy>

## **Part 1: Disability Rights in Education**

Friday, October 27, 2-3 pm

- Components of the 2023 Voluntary Compliance Agreement
- ADA Title II and Higher Education
- Disability types and common accommodations

**RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/3RAzwGG>

## **Part 2: New York State IT Accessibility Policy and Your Class**

Friday, November 17, 2-3 pm

- New York policy on accessible Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Disability types and features of accessible content
- Tools and resources to make content accessible

**RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/3EVE2IA>

## **Part 3: Best Practices for Teaching Students with Disabilities**

Friday, December 8, 2-3 pm

- Disabled student experiences seeking accommodations (and how to do better)
- Developing an accessibility practice to become a better teacher
- How to improve communication between students, faculty, and disability services staff

**RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/3RFYIf1>

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