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Supports for Students with Disabilities in a Post-Secondary Environment

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Counselling Services

- Free
- Confidential
- By appointment or same-day service
- Peer support
- After hours crisis supports (CMHA)
- 24/7: Good 2 Talk (1-866-925-5454), crisis line

Personal Counselling

- Coping strategies
- Stress/anxiety management
- Relationship or family concerns
- Depression
- Transitioning to independent living

Accessibility Services (AS)

- ~ 46,000 full time students across campuses
- 3,968 students & apprentices registered with AS (2019-20)
- Counselling & Accessibility Services at all campuses



What is a disability?

- A condition that affects an academic experience
- Evident and non-evident
- Temporary or permanent

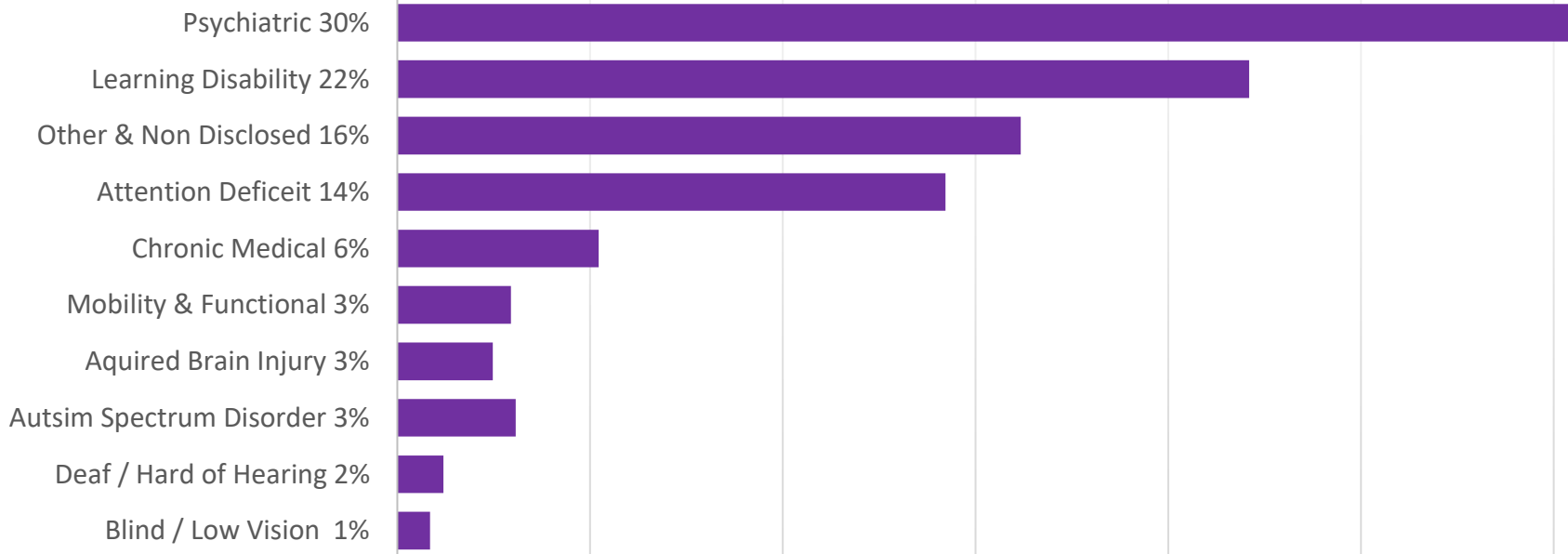
Disability Types

- Acquired brain injury
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Attention deficit disorder
- Chronic illness, medical
- Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing
- Learning disability
- Low vision, blind
- Psychiatric/Mental health (i.e. anxiety, depression, bipolar)
- Mobility, functional
- Other (i.e. communication)



Disability Types (2019-2020)

PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL NUMBER (3968) OF STUDENTS REGISTERED



Accommodations for Students

Accommodations **are based on documentation**, individual needs & program requirements

Examples of documentation: psych-ed assessment report, letter from doctor, OSAP Disability Verification Form

*Interim accommodations are available for students (pending documentation)

***ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SCAFFOLDS
TO STUDENT SUCCESS,
NOT A LOWERING OF EXPECTATIONS***

Example: wearing glasses

In-Class Supports

- **Note-taking:** Digital or peer, post Power Point slides, digital recorder
- **Test accommodations:** access to technology (voice-to-text, text-to-voice...), additional time, quiet space...)
- **Additional time/extensions**

In-Class Supports

- **Reduced Course Load**- need to maintain min 40% course load to retain full-time student status for college and OSAP definition (*documentation of permanent disability critical)
- **Reduced Tuition Fees**
- **Field Placement**

Out-Of-Class Supports

- **Tutors:** individual clarification of information, review and repetition
- **Academic strategy support:** time management, planning, reduce assignments into smaller more manageable portions
- **Counselling** in the community

Funding Opportunity

- OSAP- do not have to accept OSAP, only qualify for min \$1 of loan
- Students needs to apply each year
- Only documentation accepted by OSAP is the OSAP Disability Verification Form

Bursary/Grant

- **Ontario Grant for Students with Disabilities:**
funds given directly to student
- **Bursary for Students With Disabilities/BSWD:**
assist with costs related to accommodations (ie. Note-taking support, academic strategies, counselling in the community, technology/equipment...)

Path to Success

- Recommend students register for accommodations ASAP- upon admission
- Apply for OSAP
- Remain in contact with Accessibility Services to provide feedback on the effectiveness of accommodations

Questions

Counselling & Accessibility Services

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