

REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS ON FIELDWORK

Legal and practical steps to inclusion

Virtual session

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Presenter

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Kathryn is an Assistant Clinical Professor and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Originally from New Jersey, she received her bachelor's in psychology from UNC Chapel Hill and her master's of OT and OTD from the University of Southern California. She is also a certified ADA specialist and works with UNC's Accessibility Resources and Services office to help provide accommodations and adaptations for students.

In addition, Kathryn loves to advocate for and educate others about the ADA law, both within her community and the OT profession. As a person who uses a wheelchair, she has a passion for ensuring that other people with disabilities have access to the same meaningful activities as everyone else. Her favorite occupations include: rooting for her UNC Tar Heels and USC Trojans, traveling, going to sporting events, spending time with friends and family, cooking, reading, and engaging in a competitive game of musical chairs.

Learning objectives

Participants will understand the legal obligations under ADA and Section 504 to accommodate students participating in programmatic and fieldwork experiences.

Participants will be able to identify areas to implement information about the process to request accommodations in program materials including fieldwork.

Participants will obtain knowledge of the interactive process, how reasonable accommodations are determined, and what role everyone plays in the process.

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