COLLEGE of the DESERT
DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Readiness Criteria - Am I Ready for College?

To increase the likelihood of success, a prospective College of the Desert (COD) student should be able to demonstrate the following:

1) The potential to benefit from instruction in a large or small group setting

2) The ability to successfully perform academic work independently with typical cues from instructional staff

3) The ability to follow directions and to attend to learning tasks for a reasonable period of time

4) An adequate attention span to profit from at least an hour of continuous instruction in a setting with distractions

5) Sufficient language comprehension skills to benefit from the educational program

6) Sufficient computer skills to access the college material and educational content

7) The ability to participate in meaningful classroom activities, using both receptive and expressive language

8) Behavioral and emotional responses which are appropriate to the situation and in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct

9) Sufficient independent living skills to allow independent on-campus functioning, unless routinely accompanied by an approved personal service attendant to perform necessary daily living functions

10) The capability to follow all policies and procedures of the institution including, but not limited to, policies on disruptive behavior, attendance and measurable progress

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