



Welcome!

RCPD & NSO Student/Family Affinity Group!

Our Agenda

1. RCPD Specialists & Registration
2. Panelists' Intros & Questions
3. Audience Q&A
4. RCPD FAQs Overview

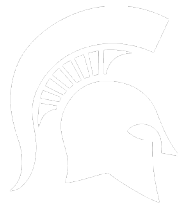
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Have Questions? Need Assistance?

At any time, you can type your question(s) in the Chat 

We will have time in the agenda for RCPD and our panelists to answer your questions.



Who are we?

- **RCPD's Mission:** to lead Michigan State University in maximizing ability and opportunity for full participation by persons with disabilities. You can familiarize yourself with our office and mission on our website: <https://www.rcpd.msu.edu>.
- **Individualized Services:** Every RCPD advisor, called an Ability Access Specialist, has an area of expertise. Each student is assigned a specialist who is familiar with their diagnosis, common accommodations, and accessing relevant resources.
- **Contact Information:** for each RCPD staff member and our office mailing address, phone number, and fax number, visit our [Team RCPD page](#).

Registering with RCPD

<https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/get-started>

****Disability status and docs do NOT automatically follow you from high school to college!****

SPARTANS WILL

1. Self-identify through [RCPD's MyProfile](#) (you will then receive an autoreply email from your assigned specialist requesting documentation)
2. Submit [disability documentation](#) to your assigned specialist (email or fax)
3. [Schedule a needs assessment meeting with your specialist](#) to discuss and determine accommodations
4. Receive your accommodation letter to share with instructors: Verified Individualized Services and Accommodations (VISA)

If you have questions specific to your unique situation, make sure to contact your assigned specialist via email or phone, or a specialist who works with students with your diagnosis via our [Team RCPD page](#).

Our student panelists!



SPARTANS WILL

Introductions

- Name & pronouns
- Class level
- Major/college
- Extracurriculars/involvement

Questions

- What do you know now that you wish you would have known as an incoming freshman or transfer student?
- What advice do you have for new freshman or transfer students?
- What MSU resource you utilize often?





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Questions?

RCPD Specialist FAQs



- **What role does my specialist play after the needs assessment?**

RCPD specialists are available by phone, email, and scheduled appointment. We can assist in communication with instructors, implementing accommodations, helping you strategically stay on track with coursework, discovering new strategies and resources, and more.

- **Can my RCPD specialist help me choose classes, make a schedule, and enroll?**

RCPD specialists do not have expertise in courses or major requirements. The best resource for scheduling classes, changing majors, and exploring major requirements is your academic advisor in your college. If you need help finding your academic advisor or scheduling an appointment you can ask your RCPD specialist!



RCPD Specialist FAQs, continued

- **Can an RCPD specialist prescribe medication, provide therapy, evaluate my disability diagnoses, etc.?**

RCPD does not perform disability evaluations, provide diagnoses or therapy, prescribe medication, provide auxiliary aids (wheelchairs, etc.), nor approve accessible parking placards (State of MI “disabled parking”), but we can help refer you to appropriate campus and community resources! Don’t hesitate to ask your RCPD specialist for information about these services.

Accommodation FAQs



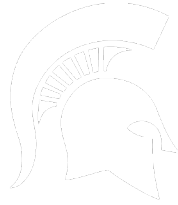
- **Will RCPD send notice to my instructors that I am a registered student with a disability?**

No, your instructors will not know you have a VISA until you tell them! Be sure to reference our [Student Accommodations page](#) for best practice steps for requesting your VISA and sharing it with your instructors. RCPD keeps your information confidential.

- **Can I get accommodations if I never officially had them in high school?**

Yes! Students can register with RCPD at any time during their career with MSU. Accommodations can only be implemented after a VISA is created, so if you think you need accommodations be sure to reach out to RCPD. If you think you have a disability but were never diagnosed, reach out to your doctor, mental health professional, or RCPD.

Documentation FAQs



- **Will my 504 or IEP be sufficient documentation for MSU?**

It depends. If your IEP or 504 is recent and includes a specific diagnosis and information about how the diagnosis was reached, detailed information on functional limitations, and demonstrates the need for specific accommodations - the “why” behind accommodations, it will be sufficient.

- **Where can I get updated documentation?**

If you're unsure about your documentation, don't delay in registering with RCPD! Your specialist can review your documentation to determine sufficiency and, if needed, provide resources for updated documentation. Most often, we recommend that your treating medical or mental health professional fill out one of our documentation forms found on our [Disability Documentation page](#).

Contact Information & Helpful Links

If you have questions are welcome to...

- Call the RCPD front desk at 517-884-RCPD (7273)
- Contact an Ability Access Specialist who works with students with your diagnosis by visiting our [Team RCPD page](#)

Resources...

- [RCPD Future Students](#)
- [Get Started](#) (steps for registration)
- [First Year Programming](#)
- [Signature Programs](#)
- [Scholarships and Awards](#)

