

ACCESSIBLE COLLEGE

Going To College with a Personal Care Attendant

WHAT IS A PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT?

A person who is hired to support a student with physical disabilities in a college setting and perform tasks that fall under the *personal care* umbrella.



- Examples of PCA duties:
 - Grooming, toileting, dressing
 - Housekeeping
 - Moving in and out of wheelchair/transfers
 - Medication regimen
 - Support navigating campus

HIRING: WHO CAN BE A PCA?

- Student/family is responsible for hiring
- Students may use:
 - Agency
 - Individuals (students or other people)
- How to find a PCA
 - Job posting
 - Interviewing
 - Identifying a good fit

MANAGING: WHO WILL MANAGE THE PCA?

- Student/family is responsible for managing
 - Skills for students and families
 - Create a care schedule with details
 - Think about oversight
 - Provide feedback



RESOURCES

- www.AccessibleCollege.com
- www.LighthouseGuidance.co
- <https://accessiblecollege.com/blog-2/>
- Facebook Group—College Success: Physical Disabilities, Chronic Health & Mental Health

FINANCING: HOW WILL MY PCA BE FUNDED?

- Student/family is responsible for paying
 - Medicaid
 - SSI
 - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - ABLE Account
 - Scholarships
 - Financial Aid Appeals



Connect with resources to help guide you through this journey

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