



GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR ACADEMIC LEARNING AND LIVING SUCCESSES (GOALS²) PROGRAM

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WHAT is the GOALS² Program?

- Run by the East Falls OT Program in collaboration with Accessibility Services
- Designed to support students with disabilities in their living and learning environments
- Provided by OT faculty and supervised graduate level OT students
- Funded through Nexus Learning Grant and East Falls OT Program

WHY was the GOALS² Program developed?

- ▶ University mandated by Rehabilitation Act & Americans with Disabilities Act to provide equal academic "access" to students with disabilities
- ▶ Accessibility Office serves ~ 100 students with disabilities
- ▶ ↑ in # of students with disabilities & ↑ in complexity of disability
- ▶ OT have skill set that can augment what Accessibility Office provides to better meet students needs

(Zoe Ann Gingold, personal communication, 2016; U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 2011)

WHAT can we offer students?

- ▶ Assist students in achieving their self-identified goals
- ▶ Services:
 - ▶ Evaluation
 - ▶ Individual sessions
 - ▶ Group sessions
- ▶ Possible areas of focus include:
 - ▶ Reading alternatives
 - ▶ Developing disability-specific study & time management skills
 - ▶ Improving organization and planning skills
 - ▶ Finding and using assistive technology
 - ▶ Interacting with faculty or peers in class
 - ▶ Navigating group projects
 - ▶ Residential life social interactions



WHAT can we offer faculty?

- ▶ GOALS² can offer faculty
 - ▶ Classroom consultations to assist in better supporting students with disabilities' needs
 - ▶ Be a resource for faculty in learning about students' disabilities and their related learning needs
 - ▶ Strategies to create environments that support the needs of all students, regardless of disability

Referral Process

- ▶ Students can self-refer
- ▶ Faculty can obtain additional information about the GOALS² Program by contacting Accessibility Services at accessibilityservices@philau.edu or Monique Chabot, OTD, OTR/L at ChabotM@philau.edu.
- ▶ To learn more, please visit: <http://www.philau.edu/accessibilityservices/goals.html> or contact Monique and Marie-Christine



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